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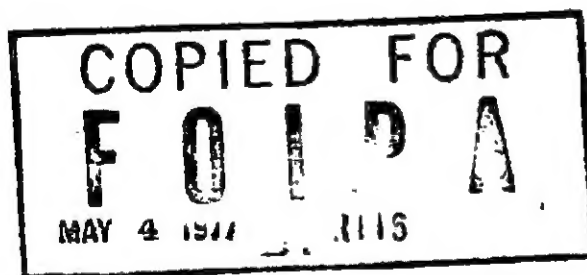
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

NY FILE NO. **100-54098 KRE**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK, NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/27/44</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/26, 28, 29; 3/1, 7, 9, 10/44</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>DANIEL F. O'CONNOR</b>
TITLE <b>MYER WEISE with aliases Meyer Weise, Meyer Weiss</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Subject believed identical with MYER WEISE residing at 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing, New York, who is member of Local 22, International Ladies' Garment Workers Union (ILGWU - A.F. of L.). Born in Russia; claims Naturalization Southern District of New York, August 12, 1937. Registered voter in New York City 1943. Registered Local Draft Board 272, Flushing, New York, classification 3-A. Formerly instructor at Workers School, New York City in 1937, 1938, 1940, 1941, 1942 and 1943. Reportedly a speaker at the Election Rally and candidate of the Dressmakers Rank and File group of Local 22 in 1942.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>cc - DARTINS by 6/5 KLB-AW 12/1/54</i></p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> Investigation captioned subject was instituted upon receipt of information that the subject was listed as an instructor in the Catalog of the Workers School for the Fall term of 1943.</p> <p>Subject is considered a key figure in the New York Field Division.</p> <p><u>GENERAL BACKGROUND</u></p> <p>Mr. M. X. SCHUBEN, Office Manager of Local No. 22, 218 W. 40th Street, New York City, International Ladies' Garment Workers of America Union, A.F. of L., generally referred to as the ILGWU, advised the writer</p>			
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⑤ Bureau 1 Capt. Wm. B. Howe, DIO, 3ND 1 Col. S. V. Constant, D. of I., 28C 3 New York <i>CC 078.112 4-26-44</i> <b>COPY IN FILE</b>		<b>RECORDED &amp; INDEXED</b>	

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that there is a member of the Union by the name of MYER WEISS. He stated that this person is the only one by that name on their rolls and he further advised that he was a member for about fifteen years and was politically active in the Union. He stated that this WEISS resides at 141-39 79th Avenue, Flushing, Long Island. It will be set out below that MYER WEISS, member of Local 22, is probably identical with the subject of instant case.

On the basis of this information, an examination of the files of Local Draft Board 272 in Flushing, New York, revealed the following information:

One MYER WEISE, Order No. 2465, formerly resided at 141-39 79th Avenue, Flushing. The Board's records indicated that this person had changed his address to 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing, New York. The records show that he was born on April 7, 1910, in Bershad, Russia, and he is a United States citizen. The person who would always know his address was ESTHER WEISE at the same address. His employer as of October 16, 1940 was the RENWICK FROCKS COMPANY, 530 Seventh Avenue, New York City. The Questionnaire of the subject indicated that he had been married at the Bergen Building, Bronx, New York, on November 30, 1936, and that his Social Security No. was 120-01-5575. The Minutes of the Questionnaire indicated that the subject was classified in 3-A. The Occupational Questionnaire of June 27, 1942 revealed that the subject has been employed by the WILLIS & GEIGER COMPANY, 529 W. 42nd Street, New York City, since May of 1942.

The registrant's affidavit of family status and dependency was returned on December 21, 1942. It indicated that he had one son, MARCUS J. WEISE, born [REDACTED] In this affidavit was listed the following as the family other than the son and wife of the registrant:

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ABRAHAM WEISE, father, 1320 51st Street, New York City;  
FANNY WEISE, mother, same address.  
JOSEPH WEISE, brother, 1347 48th Street, NYC.  
MOE WEISE, brother, 1315 48th Street, NYC.  
GERTRUDE SHANE, sister, 130 Handy Lane, Lawrence,  
Long Island.

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In this affidavit the subject stated his average earnings in his present job were \$80 per week.

The records of the Board of Elections, Queens County, New York, were examined by the writer and it was found that the subject registered in 1943 from 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing, New York, with a Party affiliation of the ~~American~~ Labor Party. He was 33 years old, married, 15 years in the State, 3 years in the County and 3 in the Election District. He was born in Russia and claimed Naturalization in 1936 in the Southern District of New York. In 1942 the subject registered with the American Labor Party from 141-39 79th Avenue, Flushing. In 1941 he registered from the same address with the American Labor Party affiliation.

On the Signature Book for 1941 the subject indicated that he was naturalized in the Southern District of New York on August 12, 1937, that he last voted in 1939 from 323 Moshelu Parkway. His occupation was dressmaker, his employer RENWICK FROCKS COMPANY, 530 7th Ave., NYC.

The Clerk of the Election Board, when questioned as to the obvious discrepancy in the date of Naturalization as claimed by the subject, stated that in 1937 the date was probably correct inasmuch as a Naturalized registrant had to show his Naturalization Papers at the time of his first registration in a particular County.

#### COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES

The files of the New York Field Division indicated subject was listed in the Catalog of the Workers School as an instructor from 1937 to 1943 with the exception of 1939. In 1938 he was listed as an instructor in the principles of Communism, Marxism-Leninism; in 1940 instructor in political economy, Marxism-Leninism; 1941, political economy, history of the ~~Communist~~ Party, Soviet Union; 1942, Marxism-Leninism, political economy; 1943, Marxism-Leninism, political economy.

The files of the New York Field Division also indicated that a confidential source advised that the subject was a Communist Party member and a teacher in the New York Workers School in 1937.

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The files of the Alien Squad of the New York City Police Department revealed that one MYER WEISE was a speaker at the election rally and a candidate of the Dressmakers Rank and File group, Local No. 22, held at the Fraternal Club House, 110 W. 48th Street, on March 17, 1942.

The ~~Daily Worker~~ of September 27, 1942, page 5, column 4, listed the subject as instructor in the Workers School in the Fall term - 1942. He was listed as an instructor in Marxism-Leninism I and Political Economy Ip.

#### DESCRIPTION

A description of the subject as taken from the Local Draft Board, 272, Flushing, New York, is as follows:

Place of birth;	Bershad, Russia
Date of birth;	April 7, 1910
Race;	White
Citizenship;	United States
Height;	5' 8"
Weight;	150 pounds
Eyes;	Brown
Hair;	Black
Complexion;	Dark
Social Security;	No. 120-01-5575
Occupation;	Singer Machine Operator
Employer;	WILLIS & GEIGER COMPANY, 529 W. 42nd Street, NYC.
Marital Status;	Married,
Wife;	ESTHER WEISE, maiden name Esther Barsky.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

Will verify Naturalization of subject.

Will make positive identification.

Will obtain and report all information regarding the  
Communist activities from informants and other sources.

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, New York**

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May 22, 1944

Director, FBI

Re: MYER WEISE, with aliases:  
Meyer Weise, Meyer Weiss, Meyer Waisburd  
SECURITY MATTER - C

Dear Sir:

Up to the present time the captioned individual had been carried as a key figure in the New York Field Division and reported under the title "MYER WEISE, with aliases: Meyer Weise, Meyer Weiss; INTERNAL SECURITY - C".

Investigation reveals that subject is no longer connected with the Workers School inasmuch as that institution is now defunct and he is not included in the faculty of the Jefferson School for Democracy. Aside from the subject's activity as a candidate for various offices with Local 22, International Ladies Garment Workers Union-AFL, in the Rank and File group slate, which is allegedly a left wing group, there is no indication of current Communist Party activities on his part.

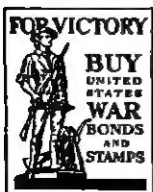
In view of these facts, subject's name is being deleted from the key figure list of the New York Field Division and the closing report of Special Agent Daniel F. O'Connor dated May 22, 1944 at New York, New York, is submitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

*E. E. Conroy*  
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TITLE <b>CHANGED</b> <b>MYER WEISE, with aliases: Meyer Weise, Meyer Weiss, Meyer Waisburd</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject's identity established. Naturalization 8/12/37, U.S. District Court, SDNY, verified. J. MORRIS advises he has seen subject at Workers School. Another informant says subject is Communist Party member. Subject is candidate for executive board and convention delegate, Local 22, International Ladies Garment Workers Union--AFL (ILGWU--AFL) on Rank and File group slate (allegedly a left wing group). Picture of Dressmakers Rank and File leaders, Local 22, in Daily Worker 2/16/44 included subject. Picture retained in NY file. ESTHER WEISE, wife of subject, is War Activities Director, Forest Hills, 6th A.D. Communist Party Club, according to confidential source.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent Daniel F. O'Connor dated March 27, 1944 at New York, New York.

**DETAILS:**

The title of this case is being changed to reflect the name MEYER WAISBURD, under which name subject entered the United States.

The February 16, 1944 issue of the "Daily Worker" carried a picture of the Dressmakers Rank and File leaders and candidates of Local 22, International Ladies Garment Workers Union. One MEYER WEISS was included in the picture. In the same issue of the "Daily Worker" there was a political advertisement for the Dressmakers Local 22, ILGWU Rank and File

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group slate, which is reportedly a left wing group in the ILGWU--AFL. MEYER WEISS was listed as a candidate for the office of executive board member and convention delegate.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised the writer that the WEISS pictured in the "Daily Worker" of February 16, 1944 as one of the Dress-makers Rank and File leaders is identical with the former teacher at the Workers School and he further stated that WEISS is a Communist Party member. This will establish the identity of the subject of instant case inasmuch as the subject was a teacher at the Workers School in 1937, 1938, 1940, 1941, 1942 and 1943. The picture of the subject appearing in the "Daily Worker" will be retained in the files of the New York Field Division.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised on March 29, 1944 that he had seen the subject at the Workers School but he could not identify him by name; [redacted] was shown a picture of the subject.

Confidential Informant T-2 who was familiar with the activities of the Forest Hills 6th A.D. Communist Party Club on March 29, 1944 furnished Special Agent Theodore C. Kirkpatrick information to the effect that ESTHER WEISE, residing at the same address as subject, was War Activities Director of the club. It should be noted that subject's wife's name is ESTHER.

Inquiry at the Naturalization Bureau, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, made by Special Employee Investigator Wade Fuller revealed that subject had filed Petition for Naturalization #292112 on May 11, 1937 at the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, in the name of MEYER WEISE. His residence at that time was 36 Horatio Street, New York City. The records indicated that he was admitted to citizenship on August 12, 1937 in the same court. His Declaration of Intention #199285 was filed on October 16, 1931 in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. The witnesses to his Petition for Naturalization were listed as FRANCES WEISE, 1360 48th Street, Brooklyn (housewife) and SAMUEL BRAUNSTEIN, 2090 Walton Avenue, Bronx (knitter). Both witnesses indicated that they had known the subject since January 1, 1932. The records indicated the subject was born at Bershad, Russia April 9, 1910; that his last foreign residence was Montreal, Canada and he made lawful entry into the United States at St. Albans, Vermont on October 4, 1929 under the name of MEYER WAISBURD. The records indicated that he was destined to ABRAHAM FEIGER, New York City.

He claimed he had resided continuously in New York from 1929 to the date of the petition. His employments were listed as follows:

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1934-36

Dress operator for the May Day Dress Company,  
260 West 39th Street, New York City

9/36 to date of petition.

Renwick Frock Company, 530  
Seventh Avenue, New York City.

The records show that he was married on December 30, 1936 in New York City; that his wife's name is ESTHER, and that she was born at Kiev, Russia on July 15, 1914 and had entered the United States at New York City on March 17, 1923. At the time of the petition they had no children. Subject's parents names are ABRAHAM MAISBURD, father, and FEIGA HELIER, mother (maiden name). It was indicated also that in 1931 subject left the United States for a week's stay in Canada.

Since there is no indication of current Communist Party activity on the part of the subject, this case is being closed on the authority of the Special Agent in Charge, subject to being reopened upon the renewal of Communist Party activity on the part of the subject.

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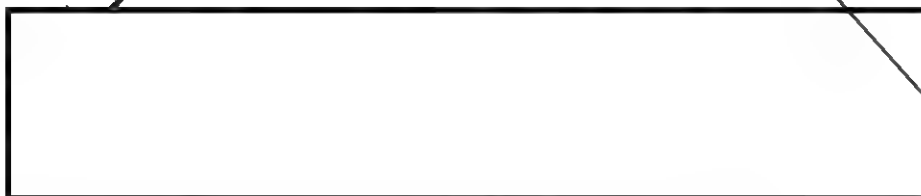
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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

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The confidential informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent Daniel F. O'Connor dated at New York, New York on May 22, 1944 are as follows:

T-1



This informant is being set out under temporary symbol due to the fact that he requested his identity be concealed.

T-2 Trash coverage on Forest Hills 6th A.D.  
Communist Party Club.

Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III  
Criminal Division

August 13, 1953

Director, FBI

MYER WEISE, was.  
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This case is being referred to you for your consideration as one for possible denaturalization and deportation proceedings.

Attached for your information is one copy each of the following reports:

Report of Special Agent Daniel F. O'Connor dated May 22, 1944, at New York.

Report of Special Agent Edward U. Crim dated July 22, 1953, at New York.

Two copies each of the above reports are being transmitted to Mr. Benjamin G. Habberton of the Immigration and Naturalization Service with copies of this memorandum.

Enclosure

2cc - The Commissioner (w/enclosure)  
Immigration and Naturalization Service

Attention: Mr. Benjamin G. Habberton  
Deputy Commissioner

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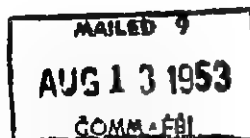
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TITLE <b>MYER WEISE, was</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>
<div style="float: right; text-align: right;"><i>new 11-1, 10,</i></div> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Subject reported by Informant to have stated in 1950 that he joined CP in 1932 and had been working it ever since. Identified as associated with Jefferson School of Social Science 1946 through 1950 and 1952 and 1953. Reported in March, 1951 to be member of IWO, having joined in 1937, and as having participated in various May Day activities, 1951, 1952 and 1953. Registered ALP 1947 through 1952. Reported to have visited Soviet Union.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>DETAILS:                      <u>BACKGROUND</u></p> <p><u>Employment Record</u></p> <p>On June 29, 1953 SE CLINTON E. POLLOCK checked the records of the New York Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau and ascertained that MYER WEISE, 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing, New York, had registered a 1946 Buick Sedan, Motor Number 47025215 and had been issued 1953 New York license plate number Q-8872. WEISE gave his business address as Renwick Frocks, 530 Seventh Avenue, New York City. On July 3, 1953 Confidential Informant T-1, of unknown reliability, but a person in a position to furnish reliable information concerning WEISE, stated that WEISE continues to work for the aforementioned concern.</p> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"><i>L. G. AAC 8-13-53 T.A.J. J.B.</i></div>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>J.B.</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  <i>[Signature]</i>	
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Residence Record

As noted above, subject's automobile registration reflected that he resides at 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing, New York. On July 3, 1953 Confidential Informant T-2, of unknown reliability, but a person acquainted with the subject, advised that WEISE continues to reside at the aforementioned address.

AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Communist Party Membership

On April 7, 1950 Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, advised of the Twenty-fourth Class of the Marxist Institute at the Jefferson School of Social Science. Informant advised that at this class MYER WEISE, who was the instructor in "Class Struggle", stated that he joined the Communist Party in 1932 and had been working in it ever since.

1. Position in Party

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised that according to information secured by him on October 1, 1947, MEYER WEISS, 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing, Long Island City, was an Educational Director of the Garment Section, Communist Party.

Communist Party Sympathies

Special Agent CARL G. TEBBE advised that Mr. and Mrs. HUGH MOUSER, who are personal friends of his, had in 1944 sub-let an apartment from the subject located at 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing, New York. He said that he visited the MOUSERS on the evening of July 4, 1944 and observed numerous books written by KARL MARX, JOSEPH STALIN, EARL BROWDER and ENGELS. These books were the property of the subject.

On February 25, 1952 Confidential Informant T-4 said that on January 25, 1950 the subject, who then resided at 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing, New York, had subscribed to "The Worker" for one year. "The Worker" is the Sunday edition of "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist publication.

An article appearing on Page 2, Column 3, of the "Daily Worker" of September 4, 1952, reflects that on September

10 a garment and headgear workers rally would be held to celebrate the 62nd birthday of ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, and that MEYER WEISE, political satirist would be on the entertainment program. The "Daily Worker" of September 12, 1952, Page 3, Column 4, reflects that this rally was held and that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN spoke stating, "We must make the repeal of the Smith Act, amnesty for its jailed victims, and an end to Smith Act prosecutions a major issue in the election campaign". The article states that MEYER WEISE participated in the program. On September 13, 1952, Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, said that during subject's participation in this rally, he commented on an article written in a newspaper that called for a new name for capitalism. After much comment, the subject said we know that the only thing to change Capitalism into is Socialism.

#### MAY DAY PARADE

Confidential Informant T-6, of known reliability, advised on April 30, 1951 that the annual May Day Parade is a Communist Party function. The parade is sponsored by the United May Day Committee, also known as United Labor and Peoples Committee for May Day. Informant stated that an organizational meeting is held annually at the New York State Headquarters for the Communist Party, at which time a Communist Party functionary is named to be Executive Secretary of the organization for the year. It is noted that the United May Day Committee has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, advised that in 1951 subject was a sponsor of the United Labor and People's Committee for May Day.

The "Daily Worker" of April 24, 1952, Page 8, Column 3, carries an announcement that Queens youth will hold a Pre-May Day Peace frolic on Saturday night, April 26 and that MYER WEISE will participate in the entertainment to be held at Tollivers Crystal Casino, 112-27 New York Boulevard in Jamaica.

In 1953 the New York City Police Department failed to issue a permit for the United May Day Committee to hold their annual parade, however, the Committee sponsored a rally at Union Square in New York City. Confidential Informant T-8, of known

reliability, advised that several persons spoke over public address systems set up at the Square, and identified the subject as having given a speech. According to the Informant, the subject said, "It is a great responsibility to speak at this particular May Day at this particular time, representing thousands of dressmakers, because these thousands of dressmakers have been so used to marching on May 1 that they could not image that there would come a time when the City Administration would say that they have no right to march...I think they went too far this May 1. By not allowing the workers of New York to march they have turned the attention of the whole world to New York on this Square...All over the world people will be reading the papers tomorrow to find out what happened on Union Square on May 1. They will want to know. We are standing in the limelight in front of the world and we are telling them that the dressmakers here and the tens of thousands of other people of New York have not forgotten May 1. And we believe that this will be the last time that May 1 will not be allowed a day of demonstrations to show the world what the American working class fought for--what they gave the world, May 1. And these reactionaries are too scared--they discover Communists all over, even in the Voice of America..."

#### COMMUNIST PARTY FRONTS

##### International Workers Order

This organization has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential Informant T-9, of known reliability, advised on March 15, 1951 that as of March, 1951, MEYER WEISE, born in 1910, was a member of Lodge 322, having joined the International Workers Order in 1937.

##### Jefferson School of Social Science (JSSS)

This organization has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

##### 1946

On February 6, 1946, Confidential Informant T-10, of known reliability, advised that MEYER WEISE was then on the



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faculty of this school.

1947

On December 22, 1947, Confidential Informant T-9 furnished a September to December, 1947 fall term catalog of this school. The catalog listed MYER WEISE as among the instructors and guest lecturers, and also reflected that on Fridays from 8:15 to 9:45 P. M. he was the instructor on "The Science of Society: An Introduction to Marxism".

Confidential Informant T-11, of known reliability, advised on February 28, 1949 that from January 1, 1947 through June 30, 1947, the subject had been employed by the Jefferson School of Social Science.

1948

On October 6, 1949 Confidential Informant T-12, of known reliability, said that to his knowledge the subject had been employed by the Jefferson School of Social Science from October 1, 1948 through December 30, 1948.

On March 30, 1948, Confidential Informant T-13, of known reliability, furnished a Spring, 1948 catalog of the JSSS. This catalog reflects that on Thursdays from 6:45 to 8:15 P.M., MYER WEISE held classes on Political Economy, including Marxist analysis of capitalist economy. This Informant also advised that he attended the second year class of the Institute of Marxist Study at the JSSS from October through December, 1948 and that the subject was the instructor on "Capital".

The "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist publication, of September 21, 1948, Page 6, Column 2, carries an article reflecting that at the fall term of the JSSS, opening September 27, MYER WEISE would be the instructor in "Marx's Capital".

1949

Confidential Informant T-13 furnished a copy of the Winter, 1949 catalog of the JSSS on December 14, 1948, which reflected that subject was the instructor in "Marx's Capital" on Wednesdays, 7:00 to 9:00 P. M.

Articles appearing in the "Daily Worker" of October 28, 1949, Page 7, Column 4; of November 11, 1949, Page 7, Column 5; and of December 9, 1949, Page 8, Column 5, reflect that the subject would, on the respective dates, discuss "The Soviet Union Today" at the JSSS.

On November 17, 1949 Confidential Informant T-9 made available a booklet entitled "A Tribute to Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, 1949". Page two of this booklet carries a statement issued by the National Committee, Communist Party, United States of America, in which it is stated, "We, your associates ...take this occasion to extend to you the warmest greetings in the name of our entire membership...". Page twenty-nine of this pamphlet carries "Greetings from the JSSS" and named thereon is MYER WEISE, a member of the faculty.

#### 1950

Announcements appearing in the "Daily Worker" of January 27, 1950, Page 8, Column 4, and July 31, 1950, Page 8, Column 5, reflect that on those respective dates the subject lectured at the JSSS. An article appearing in the "Daily Worker" of March 12, 1950, Page 8, Column 4, Section 1, reflects that the Jefferson School was presenting a Special Lecture Series, week of March 13, and that on Tuesday, MEYER WEISE would lecture on "Marx Capital: Mighty Weapon of the Working Class".

On March 10, 1950, Confidential Informant T-3 said that he attended the twenty-second class of the Marxist Institute at the JSSS and that the subject lectured on "Class Struggle".

Confidential Informant T-14, of known reliability, advised that on Friday, March 25, 1950, subject taught the class at the JSSS on "Class Struggle".

On April 14, 1950 Confidential Informant T-3 stated that at the twenty-fifth class of the Marxist Institute at the JSSS, subject spoke to the class on "Class Struggle".

Confidential Informant T-14 advised that on April 14, 1950 subject conducted the class in "Human History" at the JSSS. Again on April 21, 1950, according to the Informant, subject conducted a class in "Human History". This Informant said that on April 29, 1950, the subject conducted a class on "What is the United Front".

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Confidential Informant T-3 advised on May 5, 1950 that he attended the twenty-eighth class of the Marxist Institute at the JSSS and that during his discourse on "Class Struggle and Capitalism" the subject said, "Now we all know that all of us are Communists here..."

Confidential Informant T-3 advised that on May 26, 1950, subject conducted a class on "Class Struggle" at the JSSS.

1952

Articles appearing in the following issues of the "Daily Worker" or "The Worker", Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", reflect that subject would participate in discussions or entertainment to be held at the Jefferson School of Social Science.

"Daily Worker"	2/29/52	Page 8, Column 4
"The Worker"	3/2/52	Page 6, Column 2, Section 1
"The Worker"	4/6/52	Page 6, Column 1, Section 1
"The Worker"	6/1/52	Page 6, Column 5
"Daily Worker"	10/10/52	Page 8, Column 3
"The Worker"	10/12/52	Page 8, Column 3, Section 1
"Daily Worker"	12/17/52	Page 8, Column 5

In an article appearing in the "Daily Worker" of October 31, 1952, Page 8, Column 2, it is announced that on November 8, 1952 a birthday party celebrating the 35th anniversary of the Soviet Union would be held at the Jefferson School of Social Science and that MEYER WEISE would participate in the celebration. On November 14, 1952 Confidential Informant T-15, of known reliability, made available a circular released by the JSSS dated November 10, 1952. This circular reflects on Page 1 that from November 8 to 16, 1952 the Jefferson School is celebrating two anniversaries of crucial importance in the struggle for peace and socialism; the 35th anniversary of the Soviet Union and the 19th anniversary of the United States Diplomatic recognition of the Soviet Union. The article, continued on Page 3, relates that MYER WEISE kept the audience in hysterics with tales of his trip to the Soviet Union.

1953

Articles appearing in the following issues of the "Daily Worker" or "The Worker" reflect that subject would participate in discussions or entertainment to be held at the JSSS.

"The Worker"	1/4/53	Page 13, Column 5
"Daily Worker"	3/25/53	Page 8, Column 2
"The Worker"	4/19/53	Page 16, Column 3

An article appearing in the "Daily Worker" of June 24, 1953, Page 8, Column 2, reflects that the 1951-1952 Institute of Marxist Studies was concluded last week with four "Spring Institute Dinners", Monday through Thursday for approximately three hundred students at the JSSS. The article stated that addresses were given by ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, PETTIS PERRY and JACOB MINDELL, all now on trial for teaching and advocating the principles of Marxism-Leninism, and were warmly received by students and faculty. The article concludes that MYER WEISE, instructor, entertained one of the dinners with working class humor.

Information secured from Confidential Informant T-15 reflected that during the winter term, 1953, on Monday from 7:00 to 9:00 P. M., the subject lectured at the JSSS.

American Labor Party (ALP)

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", dated March 3, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., contains the following concerning the American Labor Party:

"American Labor Party

- "1. 'For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, Page 78.)

- "2. Among 'organizations that are victims of Communist domination.' (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, Pages 40 and 41.)"

On October 18, 1950 Confidential Informant T-6 advised that without question the dynamic force in the American Labor Party is the Communist Party. He said that every Communist Party member, with the exception of a few labor leaders enrolled in the American Labor Party. He noted that it is regarded as a political obligation by each and every Communist Party member that he enroll and vote American Labor Party.

The "Daily Worker" of April 3, 1953, Page 8, Column 3, reflects that on Sunday, April 5, 1953, MEYER WEISE would participate in entertainment to be held at the ALP Community Center.

*MRS MYER WEISE* *NEE BARSKY*  
On June 26, 1953 SE ANTHONY F. MILLER ascertained from the New York City Board of Elections that in 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951 and 1952 the subject and ESTHER WEISE registered with the American Labor Party from the address of 141-02 79th Avenue. In 1947 subject advised the Board that he was then age 37, married, in the state and city eighteen years, election district seven years, was born in Russia and was naturalized a United States citizen in the Southern District Court of New York. In the same year, ESTHER WEISE advised the Board that she was age 33, married, 25 years in the state and city, seven years in the election district, born in Russia and was naturalized a United States citizen on her father's papers, S. BARSKY, in the Bronx Supreme Court in 1930.

1947  
Miscellaneous Communist Party Activity

*RUSSIA*  
*N.Y.*  
"The Worker" of June 5, 1949, Page 15, Column 1, carries a condolence stating, "We wish to extend our heartfelt condolences to our dear Comrad MEYER WEISS and his family on the death of his mother. Communist Party Branch D-2 (Sonia, Chairman.)"

SA AUGUST J. MICEK checked the records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation of the New York City Police Department and no information concerning the subject was located.

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Confidential Informants T-16, T-17, T-18 and T-19, all of known reliability, who are conversant with some of the Communist Party activity in the New York City area, advised that the subject is unknown to them.

DESCRIPTION

The following description of the subject was secured from the New York City Board of Elections, the New York State Motor Vehicle Bureau, and Confidential Informant T-20, another government agency maintaining personnel records:

Name	MYER WEISE, was: Meyer Weiss, Meyer Weisburd, Meyer Weise
Born	4/7/10, Bershad, Russia
Race	White
Eyes	Light brown
Height	5'7"
Weight	135-155 lbs.
Hair	Black, thin in front
Features	Sharp nose, very neat dresser
Wife	ESTHER WEISE, nee Esther Barsky
Mother	FANNY WEISE
Father	<u>meumes</u> ABRAHAM WEISE
Business Address	Renwick Frocks, 530 7th Avenue, New York City
Residence	141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing, New York
Social Security Number	120-01-5575

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to Whom Furnished	File Where Located
T-1, Pretext tele- phone call to Renwick Frocks, Inc., 530 7th Avenue, LA 4-1448	Employment	7/3/53	SA EDWARD U. CRIM	Instant report
T-2, Pretext phone call to subject's resi- dence, JA 6-2437, unidentified woman contacted	Residence	7/3/53	SA EDWARD U. CRIM	Instant report
T-3. [Redacted] FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	Joined CP in 1932 22nd class 25th class 28th class "Class Struggle"	4/7/50 Unknown 4/14/50 5/5/50 Unknown	SA RICHARD T. CLANCY, EDWARD W. BUCKLEY, SA RICHARD T. CLANCY SA RICHARD T. CLANCY	100-54098-37 100-54098-35 100-54098-39 100-54098-44 100-54098-45
T-4. [Redacted]	Educational Director "Daily Worker" subscriber	10/1/47 2/25/52	SA E.K.DEANE SA E. K. DEANE	100-26603- 1A3329 100-54098-69
T-5. [Redacted]	Participation in rally	9/13/52	SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON	100-54098-63
T-6. [Redacted]	May Day Parade Documentation ALP Documentation		SA FRANK J. SMITH	

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T-7. [redacted]	May Day Parade	Unknown	SA FRANK J. SMITH	100-54098-55
T-8. [redacted]	May Day, 1953	5/1/53	SA THORNTON M. WOOD	100-47142-1B234
	FOIA(b)(7) - (D)			
T-9. [redacted]	Member IWO Fall Term Catalog JSSS 12/22/47 A Tribute to Benjamin Davis 11/17/49	3/15/51	SA E.K. DEANE SA H.P. LARSON SA D. W. PITCHER	100-2936-1a-6 100-51820-507p67 100-23825-1a113p29
T-10. [redacted]	Faculty, JSSS	2/6/46	SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY	100-51820-293
T-11. [redacted]	Employed, 1947 JSSS	2/28/49	Albany Office	100-54098-22
T-12. [redacted]	Employed, 1948, JSSS	10/6/49	Albany Office	100-54098-31
T-13. [redacted]	Spring 1948 Catalogue JSSS	3/30/48	SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY	100-51820-1a190



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Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to Whom Furnished	File Where Located
<b>T-13 (cont'd)</b>				
	Attended second yr. classes	1948	SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY	62-8932
	Winter 1949 Catalogue JSSS	12/14/48	SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY	100-51820-1a193
T-14	Taught class on 3/25/50	3/26/50	SA RICHARD T. CLANCY	100-54098-36
	Taught class on 4/14/50	4/15/50	SA RICHARD T. CLANCY	100-54098-40
	Taught class on 4/21/50	4/24/50	SA RICHARD T. CLANCY	100-54098-42
	Taught class on 4/29/50	4/30/50	SA RICHARD T. CLANCY	100-54098-43
T-15	Circular dated 11/10/52	11/14/52	SA STANLEY R. SHARP	100-51820-1a743
	Winter 1953	12/11/52		100-51820-1a728
T-16	Negative	6/29/53	SA RICHARD BLASSER	Instant report
T-17	Negative	6/29/53	SA RICHARD BLASSER	Instant report
T-18	Negative	6/25/53	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY	Instant report
T-19	Negative	6/25/53	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY	Instant report
T-20	Background	Unknown	SA DANIEL F. O'CONNOR	100-54098-3

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LEADS

WASHINGTON FIELD

At Washington, D. C.

Will check passport records, Department of State, to determine or verify if subject has made a trip to the Soviet Union as alleged by T-15.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will await Bureau's decision concerning recommendation submitted on FD-122.

REFERENCE Report of SA DANIEL F. O'CONNOR, 5/22/44 at New York

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York (100-54098)

SUBJECT: MYER WEISE, was  
SM - C

DATE: JUL 22 1953

X It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME MYER WEISE

ALIASES MEYER WEISE, MEYER WEISS, MEYER WAISBURD

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MISCELLANEOUS (Specify)

TAB FOR DETCOM TAB FOR COMSAB RACE White SEX MALEDATE OF BIRTH 4/9/10 PLACE OF BIRTH BERSHAD, RUSSIA

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address)

Renwick Frocks, 530 Seventh Avenue, New York, N. Y.

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List)

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing, N. Y.

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REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D.C.	DATE WHEN MADE 9/8/53	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/6,19;9/3/53	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT E. TORRENCE MAK
TITLE MYER WEISE, was			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject filed a seaman's application for passport on May 31, 1944, and was issued passport number 209657 on June 24, 1944. He displayed his Seaman's Identification Card, number Z-486374 at the time the passport was issued. The application does not indicate where subject proposed to travel and gave no indication that he was to make, or had made a trip to Russia.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, reflect that MYER WEISE filed a Seaman's application for passport on May 31, 1944, and was issued passport number 209657 on June 24, 1944. He displayed his Seaman's Identification number Z-486374, at the time the passport was issued.

On the above application the subject stated he was born on April 7, 1910, at Bershad, Russia, and lists his permanent residence as 141-02 - 79 Avenue, Flushing, New York. He stated he immigrated to the United States in August, 1929, and was naturalized a citizen of the United States at New York City on August 12, 1937.

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The subject listed his father as ABRAHAM WEISE, born at Bershad, Russia, naturalized a citizen of the United States about 1938 and as of the date of application was residing at 1320 - 51st Street, Brooklyn, New York.

The subject's application did not indicate where he proposed to travel, and gave no indication that he was to make, or had made, a trip to Russia.

The following description of the subject was obtained from his passport application dated May 31, 1944.

Name:	MYER WEISE, was.
Birth:	April 7, 1910, at Bershad, Russia
Height:	5' 8"
Hair:	dark brown
Eyes:	brown
Occupation:	radio operator

ENCLOSURES:

TO NEW YORK:

One negative and five photographs of the subject as appeared on his passport application dated May 31, 1944.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA EDWARD U. KRIM, dated July 22,  
1953, at New York, New York.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 9/21/53

FROM : SAC, New York (100-54098)

SUBJECT: MYER WEISE, was  
SM - CRerep. of SA EDWARD U. CRIM, 7/22/53, New York and  
report of SA ROBERT E. TORRENCE, 9/8/53, Washington, D.C. *ind 11-1*

Inasmuch as all outstanding leads in this case have  
been covered and the subject included on the security index, this  
case is being placed in a closed status by the NYO.

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Assistant Attorney General, Warren Olney III  
Criminal Division

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MYER WEISE  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
FBI File 100-293323

Reference is made to your memorandum dated January 14, 1954, your reference 146-1-51-4452, NO:KCE:apw.

*ghn*  
In accordance with your request additional investigation is being conducted in this matter and the results will be furnished you promptly upon receipt.

2 cc SAC, New York

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ATTENTION:

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Reply 6/2-42*  
In the above memorandum the Department noted that in the report of SA Edward U. Grim dated 7/22/53, at New York, information was set forth as received from a Confidential Informant to the effect that a Jefferson School of Social Science circular dated 11/10/52, reported subject "had kept the audience in hysterics with tales of his trip to the Soviet Union."

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The Department requested that we ascertain when subject supposedly made this trip and the circumstances attendant upon his travel, if any, insofar as the issuance of a passport, or lack of one, is concerned. The Department also noted that Passport records when checked reflected subject was issued Passport No. 209657 in 1944 based upon his application as a seaman and that the application did not indicate whether he intended to visit Russia.

In view of the Department's request you are instructed to reopen this case to obtain the desired information. This matter should be handled promptly and the Bureau kept advised of your progress.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE:

January 14, 1954

FROM : Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General,  
Criminal Division.

NO:KCS:apw

SUBJECT: MYER WEISE, was.  
Meyer Weise, Meyer Weiss, Meyer Waisburd.  
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Edward U. Crim, dated July 22, 1953, at New York, setting forth information received from a confidential informant to the effect that a Jefferson School of Social Science circular dated November 10, 1952, reported that subject "had kept the audience in hysterics with tales of his trip to the Soviet Union."

It will be appreciated if you would ascertain when subject supposedly made the above trip and the circumstances attendant upon his travel, if any, insofar as the issuance of a passport, or lack of one, is concerned. In this connection we note from the report of Special Agent Robert E. Torrence dated September 8, 1953, at Washington, D. C., that the files of the Passport Office Department of State indicate subject was issued passport No.209657 based on his application as a seaman. The application, however, did not indicate whether he intended to visit Russia.

Upon receipt of this additional information the matter will receive further attention.

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

January 14, 1954.

Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General,  
Criminal Division.

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MYER WEISE, was.  
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MYER WEISE

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Reference is made to your memorandum dated  
January 14, 1954, your reference 146-1-51-4452, WO:KCS:apw.

Transmitted herewith for your additional  
information is one copy of the report of Special Agent  
William F. Kusch, Jr., dated June 1, 1954, at New York.

Investigation is continuing and the results will  
be furnished to you promptly upon receipt.

Enclosure

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject in SI. Department requested circumstances  
of subject's alleged trip to the Soviet Union, noting that  
subject was issued Passport Number 209657 in 1944 based  
on his application as a seaman. The application, however,  
did not indicate whether he intended to visit Russia.  
Investigation to date indicates subject reportedly went  
to Murmansk, Russia, while serving as a merchant seaman  
during World War II.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6/1/54</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/1/54, 2/23/54, 3/15, 17/54, 5/18-21/54, 5/24-27/54</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WILLIAM F. KUSCH, JR.</b>
TITLE <b>MYER WEISE, was.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C.</b>

*yes - NA*  
**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject resides at 141-02 79th Ave., Flushing, N.Y., and is employed at Renwick Frocks, 530 7th Ave., N.Y.C., and is associated with Jefferson School of Social Science. (JSSS) Subject reliably reported to have served as Radio Operator in Merchant Marine on board ship that reportedly went to Murmansk, Russia. A self-admitted former CP member advised he personally knew subject to be a CP member from 1945 to 1952. Subject reliably reported to have taken part in JSSS demonstration held at Washington, D.C. on 11/25/53 to protest SACB attempt to close JSSS. WEISE identified by former associate of JSSS as part-time instructor there. Various issues of "Daily Worker" identify subject as participant in various activities held at JSSS.

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**DETAILS:**

**BACKGROUND**

Employment

T-1, of unknown reliability, but in a position to know, advised in May of 1954 that the subject is employed by Renwick Frocks, 530 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

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Residence

T-2, of unknown reliability but who is closely associated with the subject, advised in May of 1954 that the subject resides at 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing, New York.

Travel of Subject to Russia

T-2, previously identified, also advised in May of 1954 that the subject was formerly employed as a Radio Operator aboard the S.S. Bernard Baker during the latter part of World War II and that the ship traveled to Murmansk, Russia.

T-3, of known reliability and a self-admitted former Communist Party member, advised in May of 1954 that during the last war the subject was in the Merchant Marine and stopped at a port in Russia, probably Murmansk. The informant stated that though he has not talked with the subject in about two years he recalls that WEISE had received a favorable impression of Russia as a result of his trip there. The informant also advised that he had the impression that the subject has never been to Russia with the exception of the time mentioned above.

The records of T-4, another Government agency which maintains personnel records reflect that, as of June, 1944, the subject was a merchant seaman working at sea. The records referred to above also reflect that he was employed as a Radio Operator aboard ship up until June 5, 1945. These records reflect the fact that the subject was deferred from the draft during the last war because of his service as a merchant seaman which service was considered to be tantamount to military service.

Mr. W. SULLIVAN, Manifest Department, American Export Lines, 39 Broadway, New York City, advised that his office in New York City does not maintain old records or crew lists of past voyages made by American Export Lines ships. Mr. SULLIVAN advised that this information could be obtained by contacting Captain MASON, Ship Employment Personnel Records, Pier F, Exchange Place, Jersey City, New Jersey.

AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Communist Party Membership

T-3, formerly identified, stated in February of 1954

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that he personally knew the subject to be a member of the Communist Party from 1945 to 1952.

Communist Party Front

Jefferson School of Social Science (JSSS)

The above organization has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-5, of known reliability, advised in November of 1953, that he observed that the subject took part in the JSSS demonstration held in Washington, D.C. on November 25, 1953. This demonstration, according to the informant, was organized by the officials of the JSSS to assist them in protesting the attempt of the Subversive Activities Control Board to close the JSSS because it is a Communist Front.

According to this informant this group proceeded to the Subversive Activities Control Board hearing room where they were informed that this board was out on a noon recess, whereupon they proceeded to the U.S. Justice Department building and picketed that building. The pickets passed out leaflets denouncing the Justice Department's actions pertaining to the JSSS and setting forth the defense of the JSSS as well as carrying signs and placards denouncing Attorney General Brownell.

The informant related that a smaller group of the above demonstrators connected with the school, including the subject, MYER WEISE, secured an interview with Mr. BENNETT, Director of Prisons, to protest the placing of ROBERT THOMPSON IN the Tombs instead of a hospital. The informant advised that he had received information that this group had represented themselves as members of the Civil Rights Congress rather than the JSSS.

It should be noted that ROBERT THOMPSON is the former National Chairman of the Communist Party of the United States of America who was tried and convicted in U.S. District Court, SDNY, on October 14, 1949, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of The United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-6, of known reliability and who advised that he was connected with the JSSS from approximately 1946 to 1949, stated that MEYER WEISE was a part-time instructor at the JSSS who taught a subject entitled, "Das Capital." This course, according to the informant, is the essence of Marxism. The informant stated that he could furnish no further information concerning WEISE.

The "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist Newspaper, issue of December 10, 1953, on page 8, column 1, contains a small ad stating, "Don't missthe Gala Student Council Defense Dance to be held Saturday, December 12, 1953." The article mentions that MYER WEISE, "now wit and humor", will perform. The article also states that the dance is to be held at the JSSS, 575 Avenue of the Americas, New York City.

T-5, previously identified, advised on December 15, 1953 that he was in attendance at the dance referred to above and that the subject was present and acted as master of ceremonies.

The "Daily Worker", issue of December 24, 1953, on page 8, column 1, carried a smallad which stated that "Sunday Forum presents the 'Wit and Satire of the Working Class', with MYER WEISE" on Sunday, December 27, 1953, at 8:30PM, at the JSSS, New York City.

The "Daily Worker", issue of January 7, 1954, on page 8, column 2, also carried a small ad which stated that "Sunday Forum presents 'What's the Economic Outlook for 1954?'" The ad describes this as a round table symposium with MYER WEISE and others to be held at the JSSS on January 10, 1954, at 8:PM.

#### Miscellaneous Communist Party Activity

The records of the Queens County, New York, Board of Elections as checked by SE WILLIAM R. SWEENEY on March 17, 1954 reflect that the subject and his wife ESTHER WEISE registered under the emblem of the American Labor Party in the year 1953 from their address at 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing, New York.

Mr. JOHN LAUTNER, Former Chairman, Review Commission, Communist Party of New York, who was expelled from the

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Communist Party in January of 1950, advised in October of 1950 that without question the dynamic force in the American Labor Party in the Communist Party. He stated that every Communist Party member, with the exception of a few labor leaders, enroll in the American Labor Party. He noted that it is regarded as a political obligation by each and every Communist Party member that he enroll and vote American Labor Party.

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	Date of Activity and/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to Whom Furnished	File Where Located
T-1, Pretext phone call to Renwick Frocks, Inc., 530 7th Ave., NYC.	Employment	5/27/54	SA WILLIAM F. KUSCH, JR.	Instant report
T-2, Pretext phone call to subject's wife, ESTHER WEISE, at subject's residence	Residence	5/20/54	SA WILLIAM F. KUSCH, JR.	Instant report
T-3, [redacted]	Subject's background	5/21/54	SA ROBERT E. TIVNAN	100-54098-96
T-4, Sel. Ser. and T. Act '40	Subject's CP activity	2/1/54	"	100-54098-91
T-4, Selective Service Act, 1940 records, NYC	Background information	5/24/54	SA WILLIAM F. KUSCH, JR.	Instant report
T-5, [redacted]	Subject's participation in JSSS demonstration	11/27/53	SA JOSEPH J. MACFARLANE	100-54098-82
	Oral report	12/15/53	"	100-54098-86
T-6, [redacted]	Inform re subject and JSSS	2/4/54	SA CHARLES P. SILVERTHORN	100-54098-92

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LEADS

NEWARK

At Jersey City, New Jersey

Will contact Captain MASON, c/o Ship Employment Personnel Records, Pier F, Exchange Place, to determine from crew lists or other available data to determine whether subject sailed aboard the S.S. Bernard Baker, probably as Radio Operator, and whether this ship travelled To Murmansk or some other port in Russia. The period involved would be 1944-45.

Will, upon locating crew list or lists for any trip to Russia, set out appropriate leads to have one or two fellow seamen of the subject interviewed in order to verify the fact that the ship went to Russia and furnish any information possible concerning the activities of the subject while in Russia.

For the information of the Newark Division the subject was born on 4-7-10, at Bershad, Russia, his Seaman's Identification number is Z-486374, and he was issued passport number 209657 on June 24, 1944.

REFERENCE Bulet dated January 25, 1954.  
Report of SA ROBERT E. TORRENCE, 9/8/53, Wash. Field.  
Report of SA EDWARD U. CRIM, 7/22/53, New York.

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Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins

August 5, 1954

Director, FBI

MYER WEISE  
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Reference is made to your memorandum dated January 14, 1954, your reference 146-1-51-4452, WO:KCS:apw.

Transmitted herewith for your additional information is one copy of the report of Special Agent Gerhard Maisel dated July 20, 1954, at Newark, New Jersey.

Investigation in this matter is continuing and the results will be promptly furnished upon receipt.

Enclosure

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject on SI. Department requested circumstances of subject's alleged trip to the Soviet Union, noting that subject was issued Passport Number 209657 in 1944 based on his application as a seaman. The application, however, did not indicate whether he intended to visit Russia. Investigation to date indicates subject reportedly went to Murmansk, Russia, in 1944 or 1945 as a merchant seaman.

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Captain MASON, Employment Manager, Pier F, Jersey City, N.J., advised that subject was employed as second Radioman on Merchant Marine Ship Bernard Baker which is believed to have made a trip to Murmansk, Russia during the period from 11/27/44 to 4/28/45. Names and addresses of two of subject's crew mates set forth.

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**DETAILS:      BACKGROUND**

**Employment:**

Captain W. E. MASON, Manager, Employment and Labor Relations, Pier F, Jersey City, New Jersey, advised that the employment records reflect that the subject had a Seaman's #2486374 and a Social Security number of 120-0155575, and that his address in 1944 was 141-02 79th Ave., Flushing, New York. The records further reflect that the subject was assigned as second Radioman on the Merchant Marine Ship Bernard Baker from 11/27/44 to 4/28/45, after which time he resigned.

Captain MASON stated that all the records indicating the destination of the various Merchant Marine ships for the period when the subject sailed on the Bernard Baker have been destroyed, but it was his opinion that its probable destination was Murmansk, Russia, since a great many convoys were being sent there during that period. 20

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Captain MASON indicated that IRVING MELTZER, age 21 in 1944, 1748 Washington Ave., Bronx, New York, and PAUL PECHENAK, 15 River St., Corning, N.Y. might have known the subject since they both served on the same ship with the subject in 1944-45. He advised, however, that the addresses for both MELTZER and PECHENAK were obtained in 1944 at the time of their employment and that both men also resigned their positions with the company in 1945.

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LEADS

NEW YORK DIVISION

At New York City

Will contact IRVING MELTZER, last known address 1748 Washington Ave., Bronx, N.Y. and interview him to determine destination of the Bernard Baker on a trip from 11/27/44 to 4/28/45, and also to determine if he can furnish any information concerning the subject's activities while on this trip.

At Corning, N.Y.

Will contact PAUL PECHENAK, 15 River St., and attempt to determine information as set out above.

REFERENCE: Report of SA WILLIAM F. KUSCH, Jr. at New York dated 6/1/54.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-293323)(

DATE: AUG 19 1954

FROM : SAC, New York (100-54098)

SUBJECT: MYER WEISE, was:  
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SM-CRebulet to Assistant Attorney General WARREN OLNEY, III,  
Criminal Division, cc NY, 1/25/54.

On 11/14/52 a reliable confidential informant of the NYO made available a circular released by the JSSS dated 11/10/52. This circular referred to a 35th anniversary of the Soviet Union and the 19th anniversary of the US Diplomatic Recognition of the Soviet Union held from 11/8/52 to 11/16/52 at the JSSS in NYC. This article reflected that MEYER WEISE had kept the audience in hysterics with details of his trip to the Soviet Union.

Referenced letter states that the Department requested that we ascertain when the subject supposedly made this trip to Russia and the circumstances attendant upon his travel if any insofar as the issuance of a passport or lack of one is concerned. The Department also noted that passport records when checked reflected subject was issued Passport No. 209657 in 1944 based upon his application as a seaman and that the application did not indicate whether he intended to visit Russia.

A reliable informant of the NYO advised in May, 1954 that during the last war the subject was in the Merchant Marine and stopped at a port in Russia, probably Murmansk. This informant recalled that WEISE had received a favorable impression of Russia as a result of his trip there.

Captain W. E. MASON, Manager, Employment and Labor Relations, Pier F, Jersey City, New Jersey, advised in June, 1954 that employment records reflected that the subject was assigned as a Second Radio man on the Merchant Ship BERNARD BAKER from 11/27/44 to 4/28/45 after which time he resigned.

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Captain MASON stated that it was his opinion that the probable destination of the BERNARD BAKER was Murmansk, Russia since a great many convoys were being sent there during the period the subject was sailing. MASON advised that all records have been destroyed.

Captain MASON indicated that PAUL PECHENAK, 15 River St., Corning, NY, might have known the subject since he served on the same ship with the subject in 1944 and 1945. MASON advised, however, that the address for PECHENAK was obtained in 1944 at the time of his employment. PECHENAK resigned his position with the company in 1945.

The Buffalo Division is requested to attempt to locate PAUL PECHENAK, formerly of 15 River Street, Corning, NY, and interview him to determine the destination of the ship BERNARD BAKER on a trip from 11/27/44 to 4/28/45 and also to determine if he can furnish any information concerning the subject's activities while on this trip.

In the event PECHENAK cannot be located at this address, the Buffalo Division is requested to inquire at logical sources as to his whereabouts.

For the information of the Buffalo Division the subject was born on 4/7/10 at Bershad, Russia.

The following description of the subject as he appeared in 1944 and 1945:

5'8", 150 lbs., black hair, brown eyes, dark complexion (wife, ESTHER BARSKY). WEISE

A photograph of the subject taken in 1944 is being furnished the Buffalo Office to facilitate identification of the subject by PECHENAK.

MRS MYER WEISE is included in the security index of the NYO.



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TITLE <b>MYER WEISE, was</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: **IRVING MELTZER** not known at 1748 Washington Avenue, Bronx, New York. None of the **IRVING MELTZER'S** listed in Bronx, New York Telephone Directory ever served in Merchant Marine.

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DETAILS: **ALFRED RODRIGUEZ**, Building Superintendant, 1748 Washington Avenue, Bronx, New York, advised the writer on August 19, 1954, that he knew of no **IRVING MELTZER** at that address.

**Mr. DAVE SAVEN**, who has operated a barber shop at 1744 Washington Avenue, Bronx, New York, since 1938, advised the writer on August 19, 1954, that he could not recall ever knowing any individual by the name of **IRVING MELTZER** at 1748 Washington Avenue, which is next door to his shop.

**Mr. LOUIS ROSENBERG**, who operates a grocery store at 1744 Washington Avenue, Bronx, New York, advised the writer on August 19, 1954, that he had never known anyone in the vicinity by the name of **IRVING MELTZER**.

The following residences are listed in the Bronx, New York Telephone Directory under the name of **IRVING MELTZER**. These residences were telephonically contacted by the writer on August 19, 20, 23, 1954. None of these individuals had served with the Merchant Marine during 1944-1945:

882	Beck Street
2751	Clafin Avenue
2118	Wallace Avenue
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LEADS

NEWARK

At Jersey City, New Jersey

Will recontact Captain MASON, Employment Manager, Pier F, Jersey City, New Jersey, in an effort to obtain IRVING MELTZER'S Social Security and Seaman's Number.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue efforts to locate IRVING MELTZER, last known address 1748 Washington Avenue, Bronx, New York, in order to interview him regarding destination of the ship BERNARD BAYER, on which he served with the subject during 1944 and 1945. *Bohan*

REFERENCE

Newark report by SA GERHARD MAISEL, 7/20/54.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEWARK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/14/54</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/28/54</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>GERHARD MAISEL ROK</b>
TITLE <b>MYER WEISE</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Employment records, Pier F, Jersey City, N. J. reflect IRVING MELTZER's Social Security # as 069-14-6635 and seaman number as 281611.

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**DETAILS:**

Captain W. E. MASON, Manager, Employment and Labor Relations, Pier F, Jersey City, N. J., made available the employment records for IRVING MELTZER which reflected that his Social Security Number was listed as 069-14-6635, and his seaman's number was 281611. The records further reflected that MELTZER's mother's name was MINNIE MELTZER and that he was born in New York City, N. Y.

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REFERENCES

Report of SA ROBERT EDWIN TAYLOR, New York,  
August 25, 1954.

Report of SA GERHARD MAISEL, Newark,  
July 20, 1954.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-293323)

FROM : SAC, Buffalo (100-12952)

SUBJECT: MYER WEISE, was.  
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: 10/25/54

Relet from New York dated 8/19/54.

Mrs. GEORGE PECHENAK, 337½ E. Second Street, Corning, New York, has advised that her brother-in-law, PAUL PECHENAK, formerly of 15 River Street, Corning, New York, is an inmate of the Willard State Hospital, a mental institution located at Willard, New York.

Dr. JAMES MURPHY, Assistant Director, Willard State Hospital, advised that PECHENAK was admitted on July 20, 1949, after being in an automobile accident in which four of his companions were killed. Dr. MURPHY said that PECHENAK is suffering from a psychosis due to trauma caused by this accident and that his prognosis is very poor. He stated that any information obtained from PECHENAK may be unreliable because of his mental condition.

PECHENAK, on being interviewed, was unable to recall having made a trip on the BERNARD BAKER, could not recognize a photograph of the subject and could furnish no information of value to this investigation.

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TITLE MYER WEISE, was			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Subject resides 141-02 79th Ave., Flushing, NY, and is employed by Renwick Frocks, 530 Seventh Ave., NYC. PAUL PECHENAK, now in mental institution at Willard, NY, unable to identify photograph of subject or recall service on ship BERNARD BAKER. Reliable and unreliable informants advise subject is instructor at Jefferson School of Social Science, NYC.

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## DETAILS:

## BACKGROUND DATA

### Residence

T-4, of unknown reliability, but who is familiar with the subject's residence, advised on August 23, 1954, that the subject continued to reside at 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing, New York.

### Employment

T-5, of unknown reliability, but who is familiar with the subject's employment, advised on August 24, 1954, that the subject was employed by Renwick Frocks, 530 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

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Merchant Marine Service

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PECHENAK on being interviewed by SA EDWARD J. KENNEDY was unable to recall having made a trip on the Merchant Marine ship BERNARD BAKER; could not recognize a photograph of the subject; and could not furnish any information of value regarding the subject of this case.

AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)  
MOVEMENT

CP Fronts

Jefferson School of Social Science

The fall 1954 catalogue of the Jefferson School of Social Science in New York City lists the subject as an officer and/or instructor. The subject's name appears in this catalogue on pages 11, 19 and 22.

T-1, of known reliability, advised on September 17, 1954, that the subject was teaching a course at the Jefferson

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School of Social Science entitled, "Seminar on Teachings of Marxism."

T-3, of unknown reliability, but who is familiar with such activities, advised on October 29, 1954, that the subject was teaching a class at the Jefferson School of Social Science entitled, "Science of Society."

The "Daily Worker" issue of October 21, 1954, on page 8, column 2, contained an article which read as follows:

SUNDAY FORUM: "Bird Dogs and Kennel Dogs." A philosophical discourse on How the Elephant Got in the Doghouse with MYER WEISE. Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Avenue, Sunday at 8:30 p.m.

The Jefferson School of Social Science has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

#### CP Sympathies

T-2, of unknown reliability, but who is familiar with such activities, advised on October 19, 1954, that the subject, an instructor of Marxism at the Jefferson School of Social Science, had been campaigning for ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN in the Bronx.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was one of 13 Communist leaders convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on January 21, 1950, for violation of the conspiracy statute of the Smith Act of 1940. During her testimony as a defense witness in the case of the United States of America versus ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN et al, FLYNN identified herself as Chairman of the Women's Commission of the CP, USA, which is a position on the National Committee of the CP, USA.

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<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity And/or Description of Information</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Agent to whom Furnished</u>	<u>File Number where Located</u>
T-1 [redacted]	9/17/54 - Subject teaching at JSSS	9/17/54	SA HAROLD P. QUINN	100-54098-106
T-2 [redacted]	10/19/54 - Subject campaigned for ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN in Bronx, NY	10/19/54	SA W. DONALD DE WITT	[redacted]
T-3 [redacted]	10/29/54 - Subject teaching "Science of Society" at JSSS	10/29/54	SA W. DONALD DE WITT	[redacted]
T-4 Pretext conversation with subject's wife at residence	8/23/54 Residence	8/23/54	SA ROBERT EDWIN TAYLOR	Instant report
T-5 Pretext phone call to subject's place of employment	8/24/54	8/24/54	SA ROBERT EDWIN TAYLOR	Instant report

MISCELLANEOUS

It is to be noted that the subject of this case is currently included on the Security Index of the NYO. The descriptive data appearing on the subject's security index cards is accurate and complete.

LEADSNEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will report results of contact of [redacted] for background information on IRVING MELTZER,

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LEADS CONT'D

a fellow shipmate of the subject on the BERNARD BAKER during World War II. (Lead set out by letter to Baltimore 10/25/54.)

Will Continue efforts to locate IRVING MELTZER for the purpose of an interview re subject's reported trip to Russia.

REFERENCES: Buffalo let to Director with a cc to NY 10/25/54.  
Report of SA GERHARD MAISEL 10/14/54 at Newark.  
Report of SA ROBERT EDWIN TAYLOR 8/25/54 at NY.  
NY let to Director with a cc to Buffalo 8/19/54.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-293323)

DATE: 1/25/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-54098)

SUBJECT: MYER WEISE, was.  
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Rebulet dated January 25, 1954.

Referenced letter states that the Department had noted that in the report of SA EDWARD U. CRIM, 7/22/53, New York, information was set forth as received from a confidential informant to the effect that a Jefferson School of Social Science circular dated 11/10/52 reflected that the subject had kept the audience in hysterics with tales of his trip to the Soviet Union." The Department requested that we ascertain when the subject made this trip and the circumstances attendant upon his travel, if any.

N.Y.S. MYER WEISE

The following information has been developed to date concerning the subject's alleged trip to Russia: On May 20, 1954 SA WILLIAM E. KUSCH, Jr. made a pretext telephone call to the subject's residence and spoke to the subject's wife, ESTHER WEISE. She advised that her husband had been employed as a Radio Operator aboard the Merchant Marine Ship S. S. BERNARD BAKER during the World War II, and that this ship traveled to Murmansk, Russia. (Report of SA WILLIAM F. KUSCH, Jr., 6/1/54, New York)

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In May, 1954, [redacted] a self admitted former Communist Party member, advised SA ROBERT E. TIVNAN that during World War II the subject was in the Merchant Marine and on at least one occasion stopped at a port in Russia, probably Murmansk. The informant stated that though he had not talked with the subject in about two years he could recall that the subject had received a favorable impression of Russia as a result of his trip there. This informant stated that he had the impression that the subject had never been to Russia except for the trip there with the Merchant Marine. This informant stated that he was under the impression that the subject was born in Roumania, had immigrated to Canada, and then into the United States in the early thirties. (Report of SA WILLIAM F. KUSCH, Jr., 6/1/54, New York)

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Captain W. E. MASON, Manager, Employment and Labor Relations, Pier F., Jersey City, New Jersey, advised in June, 1954 that employment records there reflect that the subject was assigned as a second Radioman on the Merchant Marine Ship S.S. BERNARD BAKER from 11/27/44 to 4/28/45, after which time he resigned.

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Captain MASON stated that all the records indicating the destination of the various Merchant Marine Ships for the period when the subject served aboard the BERNARD BAKER had been destroyed. However, he advised that it was his opinion that the probable destination of the BERNARD BAKER was Murmansk, Russia, since a great many convoys were being sent there during that period.

Captain MASON provided the names and addresses of two seamen who served aboard the BERNARD BAKER with the subject during 1944-45: IRVING MELTZER, 1748 Washington Avenue, Bronx, New York (1944), and PAUL PECHENAK, 15 River Street, Corning, New York (1944). Both of these individuals resigned from the Merchant Marine in 1945. (Report of SA GERHARD MAISEL, Newark, 7/20/54.)

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PAUL PECHENAK was admitted to the Willard State Mental Hospital, in Willard, New York, on July 30, 1949 following an automobile accident. He was interviewed in October, 1954 by SA EDWARD J. KENNEDY but he was unable to recall serving aboard the Merchant Marine ship BERNARD BAKER. He was also unable to recognize a photograph of the subject. Dr. JAMES MURPHY, Assistant Director of this hospital, advised that anything said by PECHENAK should be treated as unreliable due to his mental condition. (Report of SA ROBERT EDWIN TAYLOR, 12/14/54, New York.)

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To date, efforts to locate IRVING MELTZER have been unsuccessful. A lead is currently outstanding to Baltimore and [redacted] for any information of value in locating this individual.

[redacted] has advised that the subject has indicated that he was born in Russia and spent his early years there. [redacted] has also advised that the subject speaks favorably of Russia, but that he has not heard the subject mention any trip to Russia since his coming to this country.

From the information gathered so far concerning a trip by the subject to Russia, and about which he told tales of to an audience at the Jefferson School of Social Science, it appears that any such trip must have been during the time he was in the Merchant Marine (1944-45). Efforts will be continued to locate the other seaman, IRVING MELTZER, and if located he will be interviewed for any information concerning the alleged trip to Russia by the subject.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE MAR 9 1955	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/4, 7, 19, 20/54; 1/30; 2/6/55	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT EDWIN TAYLOR maf								
TITLE MYER WEISE, was		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C									
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<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Subject continues to teach class at Jefferson School of Social Science in New York City. A reliable informant advised that IRVING MELTZER's employment as of September, 1954 was United Aircraft Corporation, Windsor Locks, Conn. A reliable informant advised that the subject visited Murmansk, Russia as an adult.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>0-1 my 5/24 per ref. KLB - Ray ans. 12 to 7/11 by 100 3/19 can will be Oc when had counsel</i></p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> <u>AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY MOVEMENT</u></p> <p><u>Communist Party Front</u></p> <p><u>Jefferson School of Social Science</u></p> <p>The subject's name is listed in the Winter 1955 catalog of the Jefferson School of Social Science, New York City, as an instructor.</p> <p>T-1, of known reliability, advised on December 7, 1954 that the subject was teaching "Science of Society" at the Jefferson School of Social Science in New York City. T-1 further advised on December 20, 1954 that the subject continued to be an instructor at the Jefferson School of Social Science.</p> <p>Classified by <u>2040</u> Exempt from GDS, Category <u>2</u> Date of Declassification Indefinite</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AGENCY <u>100-RAB</u> REQ. REC'D DATE FORW. <u>3-21-55</u> HOW FORW. <u>1-15</u> BY <u>KLB-HSE</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><del>CONFIDENTIAL</del></p> <p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <u>1104</u> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COPY DESTROYED 1959</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"><tr><td style="width: 50%;">COPIES OF THIS REPORT</td><td style="width: 50%;">RECORDED-53</td></tr><tr><td>⑤ - Bureau (100-293323) (RM)</td><td>INDEXED-53</td></tr><tr><td>3 - New York (100-54098)</td><td></td></tr><tr><td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;"><del>CONFIDENTIAL</del></td></tr></table> <p style="text-align: center;">71 MAR 22 1955 1357</p>				COPIES OF THIS REPORT	RECORDED-53	⑤ - Bureau (100-293323) (RM)	INDEXED-53	3 - New York (100-54098)		<del>CONFIDENTIAL</del>	
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T-2, of known reliability, advised on December 4, 1954 that the subject, a teacher at the Jefferson School of Social Science, had spoken favorably concerning Russia and had indicated in conversations that he had been born in Russia and had spent his early years there. T-2 advised that he had gathered from the subject's conversations that the subject had returned to Murmansk, Russia, as an adult. T-2 was unable to provide the date of this visit to Murmansk.

T-2 advised during December of 1954 and February of 1955 that the subject was currently an instructor at the Jefferson School of Social Science in New York City.

The Jefferson School of Social Science has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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T-3, of known reliability, advised on January 28, 1955, that IRVING MELTZER was born February 12, 1923 at New York City. T-3 advised that as of September, 1954, IRVING MELTZER was employed by the United Aircraft Corporation (Hamilton Std. Division, Windsor Locks, Connecticut), 400 Main Street, East Hartford, Connecticut.

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INFORMANTS

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity And/or Description of Information</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Agent to whom Furnished</u>	<u>File Number where Located</u>
T-1 [REDACTED]	Subject teaching at JSSS in NYC	12/7/54	SA W. DONALD DE WITT	[REDACTED]
T-1 [REDACTED]	Subject teaching at JSSS in NYC	12/20/54	SA W. DONALD DE WITT	
T-2 [REDACTED]	Subject teaching at JSSS in NYC	12/4/54	SA W. DONALD DE WITT	
T-2 [REDACTED]	Subject spent childhood in Russia, returned to Murmansk, Russia, as an adult	12/19/54	SA W. DONALD DE WITT	
T-2 [REDACTED]	Subject teaching at JSSS in NYC	1/30/55	SA W. DONALD DE WITT	
T-2 [REDACTED]	Subject teaching at JSSS in NYC	2/6/55	SA W. DONALD DE WITT	
T-3 [REDACTED]	Employment of IRVING MELTZER	1/28/55	SE JAMES R. COCHRAN	

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The subject of this case is included in the Security Index of the New York Office. The descriptive data appearing on the Security Index Cards is accurate and complete.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will report results of interview with IRVING MELTZER, regarding subject's visit to Russia, if located. (The New Haven Office, by separate communication, has been requested to conduct this interview.)

REFERENCE Report of SA ROBERT EDWIN TAYLOR, 12/14/54, New York.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-293323)  
 FROM : SAC, New York (100-54098)  
 SUBJECT: MYER WEISE, was.  
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DATE:

J. I. R. 6/9/55

Re Bureau O-1 Form dated 5/24/55 and the report of SA  
 ROBERT EDWIN TAYLOR, NY, dated 3/9/55.

The New Haven Division by letter dated 3/9/55  
 was requested to locate and interview IRVING MELTZER,  
 reportedly employed by United Aircraft Corporation,  
 Windsor Locks, Conn. as of September 1954. MELTZER  
 served aboard the Merchant Marine Ship Bernard Baker in  
 1944 and 1945. WEISE also served aboard this ship in  
 1944 and 1945.

New Haven was requested to interview MELTZER  
 regarding the destinations of this ship and for any  
 information he might possess regarding any visits to Russia  
 by the subject while serving aboard this ship in 1944 and  
 1945.

There are no other outstanding leads in this  
 case and it is anticipated that this case will be closed  
 with the interview of MELTZER.

The New Haven Division is requested to expedite  
 handling of this lead.

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Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins

June 29, 1955

Director, FBI

MYER WEISE  
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Reference is made to your memorandum dated January 14, 1954, your reference 146-1-51-4452, WO:KCS:apw.

You are also referred to my memoranda dated June 21, 1954, and August 5, 1954, and the reports of Special Agent Robert Edwin Taylor dated December 14, 1954, and March 9, 1955, copies of which were previously furnished the Department.

Transmitted herewith is one copy of the report of Special Agent Salvatore F. Ducibella dated June 17, 1955, at New Haven, Connecticut.

In view of the comments of Irving David Meltzer no further investigation will be conducted in this matter in the absence of a specific request from you.

Enclosure  
lcc - New York (100-54098)

NOTE TO SAC, NEW YORK

One copy of SA Ducibella's report should be furnished to the local office of INS. If not already done, the same should be done with the report of SA Taylor dated March 9, 1955.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject on SI. Department requested circumstances of subject's alleged trip to Soviet Union noting subject was issued a passport in 1944, based upon his application as a seaman. The application did not indicate whether subject intended to visit Russia. Interview of Meltzer confirms previous information received and furnished Department that subject went to Murmansk, Russia, while serving as a merchant seaman in World War II. Department stated that they would advise the Bureau if further inquiry is desired.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW HAVEN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6/17/55</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5/23;6/13/55</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>SALVATORE F. DUCIBELLA: PF</b>
TITLE <b>MYER WEISE, was. Meyer Weise, Meyer Waisburd</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

IRVING DAVID MELTZER advised that he knew MYERWEISE as assistant radio operator on S.S. Bernard Baker from about 11/44 to 4/45 on run from New York to Murmansk, U.S.S.R. On this trip WEISE openly expounded his belief in and sympathy for Communism; WEISE also asserted his belief in superiority of Russian Communism and was critical of U.S. form of government. MELTZER's knowledge of WEISE limited to above trip.

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Repts. KLB/bgr*

**DETAILS: At East Hartford, Connecticut**

Mr. JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN of the Internal Security Division of the United Aircraft Corporation at East Hartford, Conn., advised on 5/23/55 that IRVING DAVID MELTZER of Valley Road, Southamton, Massachusetts, was employed at the Broadbrook, Connecticut plant of the Hamilton-Standard Division of United Aircraft. MELTZER's file reflected that he was born in New York City in 1923; that he had served as a radio operator in the U.S. Maritime Service from 1943 to 1948, and had been employed at the above plant since November of 1953. Mr. McLAUGHLIN advised that there was no indication in MELTZER's file that

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he was other than a reliable and loyal employee and citizen.

On 6/13/55 IRVING DAVID MELTZER was interviewed by Special Agents CHARLES E. SANDALL and SALVATORE F. DUCIBELLA at the Broadbrook Plant of the Hamilton-Standard Division, United Aircraft. MELTZER stated that he resided at Box 32A, Valley Road, Southhampton, Massachusetts.

MELTZER advised that he had served as the Chief Radio Operator on the S.S. Bernard Baker of the United States Merchant Marine when it made a run from New York Harbor to Murmansk, U.S.S.R. and return, from about November 1944 to April 1945. MELTZER stated that he recalled very vividly one MYER WEISE, who had served as an Assistant Radio Operator under him on this run. He identified a photograph of MYER WEISE of New York City, which was exhibited to him, as the same individual who had served as the Assistant Radio Operator, above mentioned.

MELTZER related that he recalled WEISE in particular because WEISE had aroused his personal antipathy throughout this voyage. He recalled that WEISE openly expounded his belief in and sympathy for Communist ideas. He stated that WEISE asserted his belief in Communist ideology and Communist social and political system in frequent conversations had with the various members of the crew of the S.S. Bernard Baker. MELTZER stated that WEISE appeared to have had these convictions prior to the arrival of the S.S. Bernard Baker at Murmansk. He stated that after visiting Murmansk, WEISE continued to hold these convictions as strongly as ever.

MELTZER advised that WEISE never actually stated that he was a member of the Communist Party although he did openly assert that he was intellectually interested and convinced of the validity of his Communist ideas. MELTZER stated that he recalled that WEISE had stated that he was a resident of New York City and a member of the Furriers Union in New York City.

MELTZER related that in numerous discussions had with crew members, WEISE used to point out weaknesses in the United States form of government and would always at the same time point to superior aspects of the Russian political system. He stated that WEISE used to assert openly that he believed in the Russian Communistic government and further noted that WEISE would defend it when other crew members would criticize it. He stated that WEISE appeared to be well versed and well read in Communistic ideas and political arguments.

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MELTZER stated that he recalled that many of the crew of the S.S. Bernard Baker were critical of what they had observed of the Communistic system during their visit in Murmansk, and that they expressed this criticism after the visit, to WEISE, but that WEISE asserted that after this visit that he was still convinced Communism was good. He noted that WEISE always seemed to have a "proper" explanation for many things relating to Communism of which the other crew members were critical. MELTZER attributed this to the general attitude which WEISE used to display toward the other crew members; namely, that they were uneducated and unlearned in Communism while he had made an intellectual study of it and knew the score.

MELTZER recalled that WEISE was a very poor assistant radio operator; that he apparently had learned the bare minimum required for him to maintain his rating and had a minimum speed of 16 words per minute. He stated that WEISE never was able to properly operate the ship's radio alone. Further, that WEISE never seemed to be interested in learning although MELTZER repeatedly tried to get him to learn and to take a serious attitude toward this. He stated that WEISE repeatedly would only laugh at him and adopt a very intellectual attitude, indicating that he felt the job was a menial one beneath his intellectual capacities. MELTZER recalled that on one occasion WEISE was so inept in operating the radio that he almost ruined the batteries and put the radio out of operation. He further stated that WEISE appeared to have no technical know-how nor ability.

MELTZER stated that he had never met WEISE prior to the above trip and has not seen him since that time.

NH 100-16056

REFERENCE: New Haven airtel to Bureau dated 6/15/55.  
New York letter to New Haven dated 3/9/55.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

:NEW HAVEN, CONN.

JUNE 15 1955

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Transmit the following Teletype message to: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-293323)

MYER WEISE, was., SM-C.

Re New York let to Bureau, 6/9/55.

NHO has located and interviewed IRVING MELTZER on 6/13/55. MELTZER furnished info re Russian sympathies and Communist convictions of WEISE, whom he knew as an Assistant Radio Operator on the SS BERNARD BAKER on NY to Murmansk, U.S.S.R. run from about 11/44 to 4/45. Report being transcribed to reach Bureau on 6/18/55.

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ccs: 2-New York (100-54098)

Mr. Belmont

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-293323)

DATE: 6/20/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-54098)

SUBJECT: MYER WEISE, was  
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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Reurlet dated June 20, 1955.

Be advised that subject's name is being retained in the Security Index, as per recommendation relet.

Relet recommended subject be tabbed for Detcom in view of subject's known membership in the Communist Party (CP) as late as 1952 and his current association in the Jefferson School of Social Science (JSSS) as an instructor and leader in the affairs of this school.

Your attention is directed to SAC Letter 55-12 dated February 10, 1955. A review of the criteria stipulated therein should indicate to you that the information upon which you have based your recommendation for Detcom tabbing, does not come within the purview of subcriteria. Accordingly, your recommendation that subject be tabbed for Detcom is hereby disapproved.

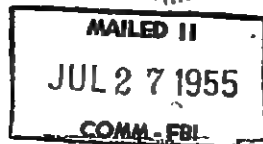
It is anticipated, however, that in view of subject's previous membership in the CP, you will be alert for receipt of information indicating activities by the subject properly qualifying subject for Detcom tabbing under criteria stipulated in SAC Letter 55-12.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, F.B.I. (100-293323)

DATE: 6/20/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-54098)

SUBJECT: MYER WEISE, was.  
SM - C

## REFERENCE:

SAC letter 55-30, 4/12/55.

## SUCCINCT RESUME OF CASE:

- 1). Subject was born on 4/7/10 at Bershad, Russia.
- 2). Subject was personally known to informant to be a Communist Party member from 1945-1952 at same time of informant's membership. FOIA(b)(7)-(D)
- 3). On April 7, 1950, at Twenty-fourth Class of the Marxist Institute at the Jefferson School of Social Science, NYC, subject, an instructor, stated to class that he joined the Communist Party in 1932 and had been working in it ever since. Reliable.
- (CP and J.S.S.S. cited by A.G.)
- 4). On May, 1950, at 28th Class of Marxist Institute at Jefferson School of Social Science, NYC, subject, an instructor, during course of lecture to class stated, "Now we all know that all of us are Communist here". Reliable.
- 5). In October, 1947, subject was an Educational Director of the Garment Section of the Communist Party, NYC. Reliable.
- 6). Subject in charge of Musical Program at Reception to be given for Wives and families of Smith Act Victims on May 23, 1953 at Bronx, NY. (Daily Worker of 5/20/53).

The 11 members of the National Committee of the Communist Party were convicted on 10/14/49 in USDC, SDNY, for violation of the Smith Act.

- 7). Subject has been instructor at the Jefferson School of Social Science in NYC during years 1950-1955, and has been very active in affairs of this school. (Catalogues of JSSS and Daily Worker issues).

(JSSS has been cited by A.G. of U.S.).

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8). On 11/25/53, subject was one of group from Jefferson School of Social Science that picketed Justice Department Building in Washington, D.C., denouncing the Justice Department's actions pertaining to the JSSS. [REDACTED]  
Reliable.

9). On 11/25/53, subject was one of group securing an interview with Mr. BENNETT, Director of Prisons, to protest the placing of BOB THOMPSON in the tombs instead of the hospital at NYC. This group, while actually JSSS representatives, represented itself as members of the Civil Rights Congress. [REDACTED]  
Reliable.

(CRC cited by A.G. of U.S.)

ROBERT THOMPSON was one of the 11 members of the National Committee of the Communist Party who were convicted on 10/14/49 in USDC, SDNY for violation of the Smith Act.

RECOMMENDATION:

Retain on Security Index.

The above recommendation is made in view of the fact that subject was personally known to [REDACTED] as a CP member from 1945-1952 during informant's membership in CP; subject made statement to class at JSSS on April 7, 1950 that he joined CP in 1932 and had been working in it ever since; subject has been instructor at JSSS for past five years and active in affairs of this school; subject has protested jailing of Smith Act subjects.

DETCOM TABBING:

- 1). Not tabbed Detcom. ✓
- 2). SI cards not stamped "Detcom" in large red letters. ✓
- 3). It is recommended that subject be tabbed for "Detcom": This recommendation is being made in view of subject's known membership in CP as late as 1952 and his current association in the JSSS as an instructor and leader in affairs of this school, which has been cited by A.G. of U.S.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-293323)

DATE: 7/5/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-54098)

SUBJECT: MYER WEISE, was  
SM - C

Re NY letter to Bureau, 6/9/55 and the report of SA SALVATORE F. DUCIBELLA, 6/17/55, New Haven.

New Haven, by referenced report, has furnished the results of an interview with IRVING MELTZER, fellow shipmate of subject aboard the Merchant Marine Ship Bernard Baker, during 1944, and 1945, regarding the subject's trip to Russia while serving aboard this ship and regarding the subject's sympathies for the Communist Party and for Russia during this particular period of time.

Inasmuch as there are no further leads outstanding, this case is being placed in a closed status.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-293323)

DATE: 2/1/56

FROM : SAC, New York (100-54098)

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2-9-56SUBJECT: MYER WEISE, was.  
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DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) \_\_\_\_\_

Walowitz Dress Co., 307 West 38th Street, NY, NY

## KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ RESPONSIBILITY \_\_\_\_\_

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## SUMMARY REPORT

## SYNOPSIS:

MYER WEISE resides at 141-02 79th Avenue, Queens, and is employed with Walowitz Dress Company, 307 West 38th Street, NYC. Informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised: MEYER WEISE was selected to work on a Special Commission on Political Economy of the Commission on Theory; WEISE stated at JSSS on 4/7/50, that he had joined the CP in 1932; WEISE known to have been a member of CP for a period between the years 1945-1952; subscribed to "The Worker" 1950; a sponsor of United Labor and People's Committee for May Day, 1951; gave speech at May Day celebration, May, 1953. Reported by numerous informants, mentioned in JSSS and Worker School Catalogues and reported in "Daily Worker" as teacher of the Worker School and at the JSSS 1937-1955 except 1939. Reported by an informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, to have been a member of the IWO in March, 1951, having joined in 1937 and by another informant, who has furnished reliable information in the

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past, to be a member of the IWO as of late 1953. Registered ALP 1941, 1942, 1943, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953; reported by the "Daily Worker" scheduled to be at ALP entertainment on 4/5/53, and on 3/26/54. Reported by "Morning Freiheit" of 2/9/49, to have contributed \$5.00 to the 1949 MF fund.

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DETAILS:

BACKGROUND

A. Birth Data

T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in February or March, 1944, that MYER WEISE had stated that he was born on April 7, 1910, at Bershad, Russia.

Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service checked by SE WADE FULLER in March or April, 1944, reflected that MYER WEISE's birth was recorded here as April 9, 1910, at Bershad, Russia.

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, checked by SA ROBERT E. TORINCK in August or September, 1953, reflect MYER WEISE's birth as April 7, 1910, Bershad, Russia.

B. Citizenship Status

Records of Immigration and Naturalization Service reflect that MYER WEISE made lawful entry into the United States at St. Albans, Vermont on October 4, 1929, under the name of MEYER WAISEURD and that his last foreign residence was Montreal, Canada. He filed Petition for Naturalization Number 292112 on May 11, 1937, at the United States District Court for the Southern

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District of New York in the name of MYER WEISE and was admitted to citizenship on August 12, 1937. His Declaration of Intention had been filed on October 16, 1931.

T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 21, 1954, that he had been personally acquainted with WEISE and believed WEISE was born in Rumania, had emigrated to Canada and then to the United States in the early 1930's.

C. Education

T-2 advised on May 21, 1954, that MYER WEISE has had no formal education.

D. Marital Status

T-1 advised in February or March, 1944, that WEISE had stated that he had been married on November 30, 1936, at Bronx, New York.

Records of Immigration and Naturalization Service reflect that WEISE was married on December 30, 1936, in New York City and that his wife's name is ESTHER who was born at Kiev, Russia, on July 15, 1914, and entered the United States at New York City on March 17, 1923. According to these records, WEISE's parents are ABRAHAM WAISBERG and FEIGA HELLER.

E. Military Service

T-1 advised on May 24, 1954, that MYER WEISE was deferred from service during World War II because of his service as a merchant seaman which was considered to be tantamount to military service.



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F. Identification Record

The files of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain the following identification record for the subject under FBI Number 164 194C:

<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
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MEYER WEISE #031-1513522-White	Appl 5/31/44
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Residence: 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing  
NY in 1944

Citizenship: US

Company: Willis & Geiger (as on prt #102-  
W. & G)

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G. Residence

Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service reflect that at the time that MYER WEISE filed his Petition for Naturalization in May, 1937 he resided at 36 Horatio Street in New York City. These records also reflect that WEISE indicated at that time that he had resided in New York City from 1929 to the date of the petition.

Records of the Queens Board of Elections checked by SA DANIEL F. O'CONNOR in February or March, 1944, reflected that the subject registered from 141-39 79th Avenue, Flushing in 1941 and 1942 and from 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing in 1943. In 1943 he indicated that he was 33 years old and had resided 15 years in the state and three years in the county and election district. In 1941 he indicated that he last voted in 1939 from 323 Mosholu Parkway.

M. SCHUBEN, Office Manager of Local Number 22, International Ladies Garment Workers of America, American Federation of Labor, 218 West 40th Street, advised SA DANIEL F. O'CONNOR in February or March, 1944, that there was a member of the union by the name of MYER WEISS. Mr. SCHUBEN stated that this person was the only one by that name on the union rolls and further advised that WEISS had been a member for about 15 years and was politically active in the union. Mr. SCHUBEN further stated that this WEISS resided at 141-39 79th Avenue, Flushing, New York.

T-1 advised in February or March, 1944, that MYER WEISE formerly resided at 141-39 79th Avenue but moved to 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing, New York.

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Mrs. C. HARRINGTON, Regency Park Apartments, 141-21 79th Avenue, Flushing, New York, advised SA STEPHEN A. BOMER on December 22, 1953, that MYER WEISE resided at 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing, New York.

On January 16, 1956, a pretext telephone call to an unknown individual at the Regency Park Apartments Office reflected that MYER WEISE continued to reside at 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing, New York.

#### H. Employment

Records of Immigration and Naturalization Service reflected that MYER WEISE was employed from 1934 to 1936 as a dress operator for the May Day Dress Company, 260 West 39th Street, New York City, and from September, 1936, to May, 1937 (date of petition) with the Renwick Frocks Company, 530 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

T-1 advised in 1944 that MYER WEISE was employed in October, 1940 with the Renwick Frocks Company and the informant further advised that in June, 1942, WEISE stated that he had been employed by the Willis and Goiger Company, 529 West 42nd Street, New York City, since May, 1942.

Records of the Board of Elections checked in 1944 reflected that in 1941 MYER WEISE gave his occupation as dressmaker and his employer as Renwick Frocks Company, 530 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

Records of the Passport Office, Department of State, reflected MYER WEISE filed a seaman's application for passport on May 31, 1944, and was issued Number 209657 on June 24, 1944. He displayed his seaman's identification number 2486374 at the time the passport was issued.

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Captain W. E. MASON, Manager, Employment and Labor Relations, Pier F, Jersey City, New Jersey, advised SA GERHARD MAISEL on June 29, or 30, 1954, that employment records reflect that the subject had Seaman's Number Z486374 and that his address in 1944 was 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing, New York. The records further reflected that the subject was assigned as second radio man on the merchant marine ship BERNARD BAKER from November 27, 1944, to April 28, 1945, after which time he resigned.

IRVING DAVID MELTZER, Valley Road, Southhampton, Massachusetts, advised SAs CHARLES E. SANDALL and SALVATORE F. DUCIBELLA on June 13, 1955, that he had served as the chief radio operator on the SS BERNARD BAKER of the United States Merchant Marine Service when it made a run from New York Harbor to Murmansk, USSR, and return from about November, 1944 to April, 1945. He stated that he recalled very vividly one MYER WEISE who had served as assistant radio operator under him on this run. He identified a photograph of MEYER WEISS, which appeared in the "Daily Worker" on 2/16/44 as the same individual who had served as an assistant radio operator.

MELTZER recalled that WEISE was a very poor assistant radio operator; and that he apparently had learned the bare minimum required for him to maintain his rating and had a minimum speed of 16 words per minute. He stated that WEISE never was able to operate properly the ships radio alone. He stated that WEISE did not take a serious attitude toward his work and indicated that he felt the job was a menial one beneath his intellectual capacities.

MELTZER further stated that WEISE appeared to have no technical ability.

Records of the New York Bureau of Motor Vehicles checked by SE CLINTON E. POLLACK on June 29, 1953, reflected

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that MYER WEISE had registered a 1946 Buick Sedan in 1953 and had given his business address at this time as Renwick Frocks, 530 Seventh Avenue.

A pretext telephone call was made to Renwick Frocks, 530 Seventh Avenue, New York City, on April 29, 1955. The person who identified herself as the receptionist for this company, advised that MYER WEISE was employed at Renwick at that time.

On January 31, 1956, a pretext telephone call to the Walowitz Dress Company, 307 West 38th Street, New York City, reflected that MYER WEISE was employed with this company.

#### AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

##### A. Communist Party (CP) Membership

T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 23, 1947, that he had observed a letter dated April 23, 1947, on the letterhead of the New York County CP stating that a committee set up investigating classes run by one JOE PREFINI was inviting students to meet with the committee. The letter was signed by members of the committee including MEYER WEISS.

T-3 advised on October 31, 1949, that he had observed a letter which had been sent to MEYER WEISE, 141-02 79th Avenue, and this letter was dated November 1, 1948, and read as follows:

"Dear Comrade Weiso,

"You have been selected to work on the Sub Commission on Political Economy of the Commission on Theory. We are very anxious that you attend the next meeting (if at all possible) this Friday, November 5,

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8:00 P. M. at the Jeff.

"Yours,  
George"

T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 3, 1947, that on that date an unidentified woman attempted to contact MEYER WEISS at New York County CP Headquarters. Informant stated that this woman was told that WEISS was not known at New York County CP Headquarters and the woman then stated that WEISS worked at the New York County CP at night and was on the investigating committee and was known to the membership secretary.

"The Worker" in its issue of June 5, 1949, on page 15, column 1, section 1, under the heading of Condolences, carried the following:

"We wish to extend our heart felt condolences to our dear COMRADE MEYER WEISS and his family on the death of his Mother. Communist Party Branch T-2 (Sonia, Chairman) ~~President~~."

T-5, who furnished reliable information in 1950  
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advised on April 12, 1950, that at a class held at the Jefferson School of Social Science (JSSS) on April 7, 1950, MYER WEISE had made a statement that he had joined the CP in 1932 and had been working in it ever since.

T-5 advised on May 11, 1950, that at a class in the JSSS held on May 5, 1950, WEISE had made a statement, "Now we all know that all of us are Communists here," and also stated, "Our party suffers from a low political level."

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T-2 advised on February 1, 1954, that he personally knew MEYER WEISE as a CP member while he was a member of the party from 1945 to October, 1952. Informant further stated that WEISE was a professor at the JSSS and had urged the informant to attend the JSSS in order to get more advanced training on the theory and understanding of Marxism.

T-2 advised on May 21, 1954, that he had not talked to WEISE since 1952. He stated, however, that he recalled that WEISE during the war was in the Merchant Marine and had stopped at a port in Russia, probably Murmansk and that WEISE had a favorable impression of Russia as a result of his stop there. The informant stated that he had the impression that WEISE had never been to Russia except for that one time while he was with the Merchant Marine.

Informant stated that WEISE never has had much money, neither has he had a position of leadership or a position with high connections. Informant stated that WEISE has had no formal education but that in his opinion, WEISE has had a drive to excel and to attain prestige and become an intellectual. Informant stated that WEISE spoke of having gone to the JSSS in the late 1930's and having joined the staff of the school thereafter.

The informant further stated that WEISE's wife, who was a CP member, had spoken of not being able to give any more money to the party since WEISE "gave money to his group."

#### B. CP Sympathies

IRVING MELTZER advised that during the cruise of the SS BERNARD BAKER in 1944, WEISE had openly expounded his belief in and sympathy for Communist ideas. He stated that WEISE asserted his belief in Communist ideology and the Communist social

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and political system in frequent conversations with the other members of the crew of the BERNARD BAKER.

MELTZER stated that WEISE appeared to have these convictions prior to the arrival of the BERNARD BAKER in Murmansk and continued to hold these convictions as strongly as ever after the visit to the city. MELTZER advised that WEISE never actually stated that he was a member of the CP although he had openly asserted that he was intellectually interested in and convinced of the validity of the Communist ideas.

MELTZER related that in numerous discussions with crew members, WEISE pointed out weaknesses in the United States form of government and would always at the same time point to the superior aspects of the Russian political system. He stated that WEISE used to assert openly that he believed in the Russian Communistic Government and further noted that WEISE would defend it when other crew members would criticize it. He stated that WEISE appeared to be well versed in Communist ideas and political arguments.

MELTZER stated that he recalled that many of the crew of the SS BERNARD BAKER were critical of what they had observed of the Communistic system during their visit in Murmansk and that they expressed this criticism after the visit to WEISE but that WEISE asserted after the visit that he was still convinced that Communism was good. He noted that WEISE always seemed to have a "proper" explanation for many things relating to Communism of which other crew members were critical. MELTZER attributed this to the general attitude which WEISE used to display toward the other crew members, namely that they were uneducated and unlearned in Communism while he had made an intellectual study of it and knew the score.



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On July 4, 1944, SA CARL G. TEBBE advised that he had visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. HUGH MOUSER, 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing, New York, on the evening of July 4, 1944. SA TEBBE advised that the MOUSER's had sublet the apartment from MYER WEISE and that in the apartment SA TEBBE had observed numerous books written by KARL MARX, JOSEPH STALIN, FRIEDRICH ENGELS and EARL BROWDER which books were the property of MYER WEISE.

The September 4, 1952, edition of the "Daily Worker" on page 2, column 3, announced that on September 10, a Garment and Headgear Workers Rally would be held to celebrate the 62nd birthday of ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN and that MEYER WEISE "political satirist" would be on the entertainment program.

The "Daily Worker" in its edition of September 12, 1952, page 3, column 4 reflects that this rally was held and that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN spoke, stating, "We must make the repeal of the Smith Act, amnesty for its jailed victims, and an end to Smith Act persecutions a major issue in the election campaign." The article stated that MEYER WEISE participated in the program.

T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on September 13, 1952, advised that he had attended the Garment and Headgear Workers Rally for Repeal of the Smith Act and celebration of the birthday of ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN which was held at the Hotel Capitol on September 10, 1952,

Informant advised that one of the speakers at the rally was MEYER WEISS (phonetic) of the Garment Workers Union. Informant advised that WEISS gave a satire on "Aesopian Language" reading purportedly from the "Wall Street Journal." He also commented on an

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article written in a newspaper that called for a new name for capitalism. Informant stated that after much comment, WEISS said we know that the only thing to change capitalism into is socialism and that this statement gained great applause.

It is to be noted that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was one of the CP leaders indicted on June 20, 1951, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. On January 21, 1953, she was convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York for the above violation and was sentenced on February 3, 1953, to three years in the Federal Penitentiary and fined \$6,000. She was remanded to jail January 11, 1955.

In an article appearing in the "Daily Worker" of October 31, 1952, on page 8, column 2, it was announced that on November 8, 1952, a birthday party celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the Soviet Union would be held at the JSSS and that MEYER WEISE would participate in the celebration.

In the May 20, 1953, edition of the "Daily Worker" on page 8, column 1, there was an advertisement of a reception at which the wives and families of the Smith Act Victims would be greeted by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN and CARL MARZANI. This reception was to be held on Saturday, May 23, and was sponsored by the Bronx Committee for the Freedom of the Smith Act Victims. On the announcement it was stated that MEYER WEISE, (labor satirist) would be present.

Concerning CARL MARZANI, the records of the Clerk of the Criminal Court, United States Court House, Washington, D. C., reflect that on May 27, 1947, CARL MARZANI was convicted in the United States District Court on eleven counts of having made false statements

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to representatives of the United States Government. On February 2, 1948, the United States Court of Appeals upheld the judgment of the District Court but dismissed the first nine counts of the indictment because of the running of the Statute of Limitations.

On March 25, 1949, MARZANI was committed to serve a term of one to three years in the Federal Penitentiary. On July 22, 1951, he was conditionally released under the supervision of the United States Parole Officer, Southern District of New York.

References

"The Worker"

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker" an East Coast Communist newspaper.

T-3 advised on February 25, 1952, that a Mr. WEISE of 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing, New York, subscribed to "The Worker" on January 25, 1950. The informant added that this was a new subscription.

May Day Parade

JOHN LAUTNER, former CP member for many years, who at the time of his expulsion was Chairman of the New York State CP Review Commission, advised on April 30, 1951, that the annual May Day Parade is a CP function. The parade is sponsored by the United May Day Committee, also known as the United Labor and People's Committee for May Day.

The informant stated that an organizational meeting is held annually at New York State Headquarters of the CP at which a CP functionary is named to be

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Executive Secretary of the organization for the year.

The United May Day Committee has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in August, 1951, that MEYER WEISS was a sponsor of the United Labor and People's Committee for May Day in 1951.

The "Daily Worker" in its issue on April 24, 1952, on page 8, column 3, carried an announcement that Queens Youth would hold a pre-May Day Peace Frolic on Saturday night, April 26, and that MEYER WEISE would participate in the entertainment.

In 1953, the New York City Police Department failed to issue a permit for the United May Day Committee to hold their annual parade. However, the committee sponsored the rally on Union Square, New York City.

On May 1, 1953, employees of the FBI heard MEYER WEISE deliver a speech at the May Day celebration in Union Square, New York. WEISE stated that he spoke as a representative of thousands of dressmakers. He further stated that these thousands of dressmakers have been so used to marching on May Day that they could not imagine that there could come a time that the city administration would say that they would have no right to march. He continued, "I think they went too far this May 1. By not allowing the workers of New York to march, they have turned the attention of the whole world to New York on this square . . . . All over the world people will be reading the papers tomorrow to find out what happened at Union Square on

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May 1. They will want to know: We are standing in the limelight in front of the world and we are telling them that the dressmakers here and the tens of thousands of other people of New York have not forgotten May 1. And we believe that this will be the last time that May Day will not be allowed a day of demonstration to show the world what the American working class fought for - - - what they gave the world, May 1. All these reactionaries are too scared - - - they discover Communists all over, even in the Voice of America . . . ."

Workers School of New York

LOUIS BUDENZ, former Managing Editor of the "Daily Worker" and a self-confessed CP member until 1945, advised that after World War II, the CP renamed its schools after American patriots in order to attract more students.

The Workers School became the JSSS.

The 1937 to 1943 catalogues of the Workers School with the exception of the year 1939, lists the Subject as an instructor in the Workers School teaching Marxism - Leninism, Political Economy.

The "Daily Worker" in its edition September 27, 1942, on page 5, column 4, listed the Subject as instructor in the Workers School for Fall, 1942.

T-9, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on March 29, 1944, was shown a picture of MEYER WEISS which was carried in the February 16, 1944, edition of the "Daily Worker" as one of the dressmakers Rank and File leaders and candidates of Local 22, International Ladies Garment Workers Union. The

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informant advised that he had seen WEISS at the Workers School but could not identify him by name.

Jefferson School of Social Science

The JSSS has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-10, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 28, 1949, that MYER WEISS with alias: Myer Weise, was employed by the JSSS at least from January to June, 1947. The following catalogues of the JSSS lists MYER WEISE as instructor at the JSSS in "Capital," Political Economy, and Seminar on teaching Marxism:

April to June, 1947  
Fall, 1947  
Spring, 1948  
Fall, 1949  
Winter, 1949  
Spring, Fall and Winter, 1950  
Winter, 1951  
Spring, Fall and Winter, 1952  
Spring, Fall and Winter, 1953  
Spring, Fall and Winter, 1954  
Spring, Fall and Winter, 1955

In the April - June, 1947 catalogue, WEISE is identified as having taught at the New York Workers School. In the Fall, 1949 catalogue WEISE is referred to as a former member of the Executive Board of Local 22, ILGWU.

WEISE is mentioned in at least nineteen editions of the "Daily Worker" or "The Worker" in the period from September 21, 1948 to February 27, 1955, as an instructor

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at the JSSS as one giving lectures at the JSSS or taking part in discussions, entertainment or forums at the JSSS.

T-11, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in 1948, that he attended the second year class of the Institute of Marxist study at the JSSS from October through December, 1948, and that MYER WEISE was the instructor on "Capital."

T-12, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on November 17, 1949, made available a booklet entitled, "A Tribute to Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, 1949," page two of this booklet carries a statement issued by the National Committee, CP, United States of America, in which it is stated, "We, your associates . . . take this occasion to extend to you the warmest greetings in the name of our entire membership." Page 29 of this pamphlet carries, "Greetings from the JSSS" and named thereon is MYER WEISE, a member of the faculty.

Concerning BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., it is to be noted that he was one of eleven members of the National Committee, CP, USA, who were convicted on October 14, 1949, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

T-13, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 11, 1950, that on March 3, 1950, MYER WEISE conducted a class on Class Struggle at the JSSS. Informant advised that this individual has a sense of humor and was well liked by the class.

According to the informant, he mentioned class struggles in the past and stated that the present

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struggle is between the worker and the boss and that we should refuse to see any other side but the workers'. He also stated that it is a funny thing that the worker is the last one to understand that he is oppressed.

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T-13 advised on April 14, that on March 25, 1950, a class on Class Struggle was conducted at the JSSS by Mr. WEISE (phonetic). Informant advised that WEISE stated at the class that Marxism is a science for the working class and that the worker must be biased: He must see no other side but the workers' side. As yet, the working class as a whole has not accepted the Communists as a vanguard. "We" must give leadership in the workers struggle and that the Communists will be a vanguard of the United States workers when the worker fully becomes class conscious.

T-13 advised on April 20, 1950, that WEISE on April 14, 1950, conducted a class in Human History at the JSSS in which he discussed several historical revolutions and the US destruction of potatoes with blue dye, to keep the price high.

T-13 advised on May 1, 1950, that on April 21, 1950, WEISE conducted a class on Human History at the JSSS. Informant stated that at this class, WEISE stated that the people of the government are responsible for what the leaders do and that China holds the American people responsible for the United States Government and the wrong done her by the United States. He also stated that socialism and capitalism can exist together on the issue of peace, although the working class will still struggle for socialism.

T-13 advised on May 1, 1950, that on April 29, 1950, WEISE conducted a class at the JSSS in which was discussed "What is the United Front", in which he stated that the Communists will join with any organization in any immediate fight even though the particular issue



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is not in line with the party; that the party would still combine and fight in struggles that the people develop although the ultimate aim of the party is socialism.

T-5 advised on March 15, 1950, that on March 10, 1950, MYER WEISE conducted a class on class struggle at the JSSS in which he stated that MARY did not say that a majority had to overthrow the government. He pointed to the example in China and stated that you do not need a majority with you to do it, you need only a very small working class. He also stated that "they can wipe out our Communist leaders with arrests, but ~~that~~ they would have to wipe out the whole working class to wipe out the Communist Party."

T-5 advised on April 12, 1950 of a class conducted by MYER WEISE at the JSSS on April 7, 1950. Informant stated that at this class, WEISE made a statement that he joined the CP in 1932 and had been working in it ever since. He also stated, "There are 27,000,000 Communists in the world today, let them try to build up an army against that."

T-5 advised on April 26, 1950, that MYER WEISE conducted a class on class struggle and capitalism at the JSSS on April 14, 1950. At the class, WEISE discussed Fascism, the German revolution of 1848, the American revolutions of 1776 and 1800-1865 and the German revolution of 1918. He also discussed the United States Government's policy of destroying commodities such as the destruction of honey and potatoes. He stated that in 1932, the CP fought for relief in Union Square and that "We had only about seven or eight thousand members but tens of thousands followed us on that issue."

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T-5 advised on May 11, 1950, that MYER WEISE conducted a class on class struggle and capitalism on May 5, 1950, at the JSSS, at which he stated, "Now we all know that all of us are Communists here." He also spoke of the difficulty of teaching "theory," especially to intellectuals. He also stated that it is hard to be a teacher in the Jeff School and not also be active in the Communist movement. He also stated that "our party suffers from a low political level" and discussed several fallacies of the party due to a lack of knowledge of theory.

T-5 advised on June 5, 1950, that on May 26, 1950, MYER WEISE conducted a class on class struggle in which he discussed Titoism. He stated, "In 1939, we had 14,000 members of the CP there." He also stated, "Wherever the Soviet Union's Red Army moves in, it is for a real democracy."

T-5 advised on June 21, 1950, that on June 9, 1950, MYER WEISE conducted a class on the class struggle at the JSSS in which he stated that the highest democracy that has ever been achieved today is in the Soviet Union. He also stated, "When it is a majority against a minority, then it is force and violence, otherwise, it is not force and violence," and that "the trial of our leaders to outlaw is minority."

T-14, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 21, 1951, that on May 16, 1951, MYER WEISS conducted a class at the JSSS on Dialectical and Historical Socialism and Marxist Philosophy. Informant commented that WEISE cracked jokes and was liked by all.

T-14 advised on June 1, 1951, that MYER WEISS conducted a class at the JSSS on May 23, 1951.

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The informant stated that WEISS is an "extremely competent teacher and personality" and that he cracks jokes frequently and that he is more capable of leading people than any other teacher the informant knew at the Jeff School.

T-15, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 27, 1953, that MYLER WEISS of the Jefferson School was among those who the informant observed taking part in the JSSS demonstration in Washington, D. C., on November 25, 1953. This demonstration, according to the informant was organized by the officials of the JSSS to assist them in protesting the Subversive Activities Control Board attempt to close the JSSS because it was a Communist front.

The informant also advised that during the demonstration, MYLER WEISS and four or five others secured an interview with Mr. BENNETT, Director of Prisons, to protest the placing of BOB THOMPSON in the Tombs instead of a hospital. According to the information received by the informant, this group, although representatives of the JSSS, represented themselves as members of the Civil Rights Congress.

The Civil Rights Congress (CRC) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Concerning ROBERT GEORGE THOMPSON, it is to be noted that THOMPSON was a member of the National Board of the CP, USA, and was indicted on July 20, 1948, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. He was convicted on October 14, 1949, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York. He was sentenced on October 21, 1949, to three years imprisonment

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and to pay a fine of \$10,000. He was released on bail on November 3, 1949, and a bench warrant for his arrest was issued by the Southern District of New York on June 2, 1951. THOMPSON was located at Twain Harte, California, on July 27, 1953. He was found guilty of contempt charges on December 16, 1953 and sentenced to an additional four years. He is presently incarcerated at the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia.

T-15 advised on December 15, 1953, that MYER WEISE had acted as Master of Ceremonies at a Student Council dance of the JSSS held on December 12, 1953.

T-16, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 15, 1954, that on October 13, 1954, MEYER WEISS, "a dressmaker," conducted a class on Science of Society at the JSSS. The informant stated that WEISS was substituting for a regular teacher in this class. Informant stated that at the class, WEISS discussed the possibility of changing our economic system and stated that the workers are not really represented in our "democracy."

T-16 advised on October 21, 1954, that MYER WEISE conducted a class in Science of Society at the JSSS on October 20, 1954, in which he discussed the position of the working and the capitalist classes and stated that the workers must be the revolutionary class that will do away with capitalism.

T-16 advised on October 29, 1954, that MYER WEISE conducted a class at the JSSS on the Science of Society on October 27, 1954. Informant stated that discussion centered on planned economy and on the need to use existing institutions such as political parties, trade unions, etc., as means of teaching the working

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class even though these institutions may fall short of "our" progressive ideals.

T-16 advised on November 4, 1954, that on November 3, 1954, MYER WEISE conducted a class on Science of Society at the JSSS. The informant advised that the subject of the lecture was the contradictions of the capitalist economy and WEISE brought in a discussion of the USSR economy and the Soviet living standards. The informant commented that WEISE was favorable to them.

T-16 advised on November 12, 1954, that MYER WEISE conducted a class on Science of Society at the JSSS on November 10, 1954. Informant stated that the subject matter during the lecture consisted of showing how we can show that Russia really wants peace and that the nature of socialism does not allow it to make aggressive war. Informant stated that WEISE also discussed the matter of jailed Communists and stated that nothing could really be proved against them except a vague conspiracy. According to the informant, WEISE likened the case to thought control.

T-16 advised on November 19, 1954, that MYER WEISE conducted a class on Science of Society at the JSSS on November 17, 1954. Informant stated that at this class was discussed the desire of Russia for peace and the fact that capitalism by its nature drives toward war. Informant added that the question of Negro oppression was also discussed.

T-16 advised on November 29, 1954, that MYER WEISE conducted a course in Science of Society at the JSSS on November 24, 1954, and that the discussion concerned the Negro problem.

T-16 advised on December 4, 1954, that MYER WEISE conducted a class at the JSSS on Science of Society on December 1, 1954.

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T-16 advised on December 19, 1954, that on December 15, 1954, MYER WEISE conducted the final meeting of the Science of Society class at the JSSS. Informant advised that the class was devoted to clearing up certain points about socialism to enable us to answer the misconception that people have about it. The informant advised at this time that he had learned that MYER WEISE was born in Russia and had spent his childhood there and that he had also returned to Russia as an adult to Murmansk.

T-16 advised on January 30, 1955, that on January 18, 1955, MYER WEISE conducted a course on Political Economy at the JSSS. The informant advised that this was the first session and consisted of a lecture in which WEISE outlined the aim of the course stating that the task of Marxism is to show the nature of the class struggle and to serve as a guide for workers.

T-16 advised on February 20, 1955, that MYER WEISE conducted a class in Political Economy at the JSSS on February 1, 1955, February 8, 1955, and February 15, 1955. Informant advised that at these classes, capitalism economy was discussed and compared to Marxian economics and consisted wholly of a discussion of value, price and commodity.

T-16 advised on May 1, 1955, that MYER WEISE conducted classes in Political Economy on March 1, 1955, and March 22, 1955. Informant advised that at these classes it was shown that the worker is exploited under capitalism and it was stated in the lecture of March 22, that the capitalist system has shown that it contains the elements of its own demise.

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T-17, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 19, 1954, that MYER WEISE conducted a class in Science of Society in the Jefferson School of Social Science, on October 13, 1954. The informant advised that WEISE spoke on the basic principals of Marxism, and that during his talk, he stated that he had been campaigning for ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN in the Bronx.

T-17 advised on October 27, 1954, that MYER WEISE conducted a class on Science of Society at the Jefferson School on October 20, 1954. The informant also advised at this time that on October 24, 1954, WEISE conducted a discussion at the Jefferson School, the main point of which was to ridicule the Republican Party.

T-17 advised on October 28, 1954, of a class given by MYER WEISE at the Jefferson School on October 27, 1954. The informant advised that WEISE spoke on how McCarthyism is the start of Fascism in the United States.

T-17 advised on November 4, 1954, of a class conducted by MYER WEISE at the Jefferson School on November 3, 1954.

T-17 advised on November 12, 1954, that MYER WEISE conducted a class on Science of Society at the Jefferson School on November 10, 1954. The informant advised that WEISE spoke on how Communism had brought the Soviet Union from a backward country to a world power in 37 years.

T-17 advised on November 22, 1954, that WEISE conducted a class in Science of Society at the Jefferson School on November 17, 1954.

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T-17 advised on December 7, 1954, that WEISE conducted a class at the Jefferson School on December 1, 1954.

T-17 advised on December 10, 1954, that WEISE conducted a class in Science of Society at the Jefferson School on December 8, 1954.

T-18, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 10, 1955, that MEYER WEISE conducted a class at the JSSS on February 8, 1955. The informant advised that during the class WEISE stated that the United States democracy is controlled by the ruling class, and that due to its capitalistic system, one out of ten persons in the United States are insane. WEISE stated that in the Soviet Union there is no insanity, no prostitution, and all crimes are decreasing because the state is controlled by the people, who are all working together like one big happy family.

WEISE also stated that Communism will eventually be world wide, and stated that the Soviet Union is a working man's paradise, where no slums exist, as in the United States, and where everyone voluntarily works because he wants to.

T-19, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on February 24, 1955, furnished an issue of the "Jeffersonian," for the week of February 21, 1955. This mentions a Sunday Forum to be held February 27, 1955, during which the discussion would be on "The Relations of heavy industry, light industry, and agriculture in Capitalist and Socialist economies with MEYER WEISE."

T-19 on October 20, 1955, made available an issue of the "Jeffersonian" for the week of October 17, 1955. This announced that MEYER WEISE would participate in a scheduled forum at the Jefferson School.



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C. Communist Party (CP) Associates

T-20, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 7, 1951, that on that date one MEYER WEISS (PH) had an appointment scheduled at National CP Headquarters with BETTY GANNETT.

The "Daily Worker" of July 31, 1955, referred to BETTY GANNETT as the National Education Director of the CP. BETTY GANNETT was convicted for violation of the Conspiracy Section of the Smith Act on January 21, 1953, in the United States District Court of the Southern District of New York. She was sentenced to two years imprisonment and fined \$4,000. She was remanded to serve her sentence on January 11, 1955.

T-20 advised on June 21, 1951, that MYER WEISE inquired at National CP Headquarters for BETTY GANNETT.

D. CP Front Organizations

International Workers Order (IWO) and Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order (JPFO)

In the April 20, 1945 edition of the "Daily Worker" on Page 8, Column 1, appeared an announcement that that night "MEYER WEISS, who has just returned from Murmansk," would speak under the auspices of the Dress-makers Branch 322 of the JPFO.

The JPFO has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-12 advised on March 15, 1951, that as of March, 1951, MEYER WEISE born in 1910, was a member of Lodge 322, IWO, having joined the IWO in 1937.

The IWO has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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T-21, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 22, 1954, that MYER WEISE of 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing, New York, as of late, 1953, was a member of Lodge 322, IWO, having joined the IWO in May, 1937.

American Labor Party (ALP)

T-22, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 9, 1954, that from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed within the American Labor Party a struggle for power among three groups. These were the Communist Party, the Socialist Party, and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's, the Communist Party emerged as the controlling force within the American Labor Party in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally those were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy, the Hudson River Valley, Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau, and Westchester Counties, and New York City, with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942 the Communist Party was able to capture the American Labor Party in Brooklyn. T-22 knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949. The American Labor Party never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the nonindustrial areas of New York State.

T-9, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 1, 1955, that the Communist Party today, as in the past, through its members in key positions in the American Labor Party, constitutes the force that controls it.

The records of the Board of Elections of Queens reflect that MYER WEISE registered ALP 1941, 1942, 1943. These records also reflect that MYER WEISE and ESTHER WEISE registered ALP in 1947-1952, and that MYER WEISE registered ALP in 1953.

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The "Daily Worker" of April 3, 1953, Page 8, Column 3, announced that on Sunday, April 5, 1953, MEYER WEISE would participate in an entertainment to be held at the ALP Community Center.

The "Daily Worker" in its edition of March 17, 1954, on Page 8, Column 4, carried an advertisement of the Bronx County ALP, announcing an entertainment to be held March 26, in which MEYER WEISE would participate.

"Morning Freiheit"

1. A "Communist Yiddish daily."  
(Attorney General Francis Biddle, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)
2. "The Freiheit has been one of the rankest organs of Communist propaganda in this country for almost a quarter of a century."  
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, p. 75.)
3. "The official Communist newspaper published in the Yiddish tongue. For many years, H. J. Olgin was editor of Freiheit. Olgin was one of the outstanding leaders of the Communist Party in the United States for 20 years."  
(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 242.)
4. "One of the daily papers published by the Communist Party."  
(Massachusetts House Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1938, p. 331.)

The "Morning Freiheit" of February 9, 1949, on Page 2, Column 6, reported that a MEYER WEISS of the ILGWU, had contributed \$5 to the "Morning Freiheit" 1949 Sustaining Fund.

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The "Daily Worker" in its edition of November 12, 1952, announced a concert to be held Saturday evening in defense of an editor of the "Morning Freiheit", threatened with deportation under the McCarran Act. It was announced that MEYER WEISS would participate in the program.

American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born was cited by the United States Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-23, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on March 15, 1954, furnished a Conference Program of the New York Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, which points out that the NYCPFB was established for the purpose of defending the ACPFB. This program lists the minutes of a conference and of a banquet held on February 27, 1954. "MEYER WEISS, satirical humorist," is listed as an entertainer at the banquet.

E. Miscellaneous

The "Daily Worker" in its edition of February 16, 1944, carried a picture of the Dressmakers Rank and File leaders and candidates of Local 22 International Ladies Garment Workers Union. (ILGWU).

MEYER WEISS is included in the picture.

In the same issue of the "Daily Worker" there is a political advertisement for the Dressmakers Local 22 ILGWU Rank and File Slate, on which MEYER WEISS is, listed as a candidate for the office of Executive Board member and Convention Delegate.

T-24, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 3, 1944, that one MEYER WEISS of Local 22, union unknown, had been at the office of the "Daily Worker" asking about a piece which he had sent in on labor.

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T-24 advised on February 14, 1944, that this same MEYER WEISS had again contacted the "Daily Worker" office, and submitted a photograph to be printed in the "Daily Worker" issue of February 16, 1944. The informant advised that WEISS was connected with the Dressmakers Local 22, and was on the ballot to be printed on the same page as the photograph, as a candidate for the Executive Board.

The "Daily Worker" in its issue of February 5, 1950, Page 5, Column 1, has a news item concerning a forth coming election of Local 22, of the ILGWU. In this item it is mentioned that MEYER WEISS was one of the candidates of the Rank and File.

The "Morning Freiheit" in its edition of January 30, 1953, on Page 2, Columns 1 and 2, reported a meeting of Local 22, ILGWU, held on January 28, 1953, at Manhattan Center. It stated that at the meeting MEYER WEISS nominated a candidate for manager of the local.

The "Morning Freiheit" in its edition of February 6, 1953, on Page 8, Columns 1, 2, and 3, carried a new item reporting on the activities of the Rank and File groups of Local 22, ILGWU.

This item stated that on February 4, about 500 Rank and File members hold a meeting at the Hotel Capitol. The speakers at the meeting condemned the Union Officials for "Red-Baiting" and "for spreading the lie about anti-semitism in Socialist countries."

Other informants, who have knowledge of certain Communist activities in the New York City area, were contacted in June, 1953, and advised that they were not acquainted with the subject.

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DESCRIPTION

The following description of the subject was obtained from the Board of Elections, the New York Motor Vehical Bureau, T-1, State Department, Immigration and Naturalization Service, and from T-14.

Name	<del>MYER WEISE</del>
Aliases	Meyer Weise Meyer Weiss Meyer Waisburd
<u>Date of birth</u>	April 7, 1910 or April 9, 1910
<u>Place of birth</u>	Bershad, Russia
Race	White
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Height	thin - front 5'7"-8"
Weight	135-155
Features	Sharp nose
Characteristics	Neat dresser Slight accent
Relatives	Wife: ESTHER Nee Esther Barsky Mother: FANNY WEISE Father: ABRAHAM WEISE Brothers: JOSEPH WEISE MOE WEISE Sisters: GERTRUDE SHANE Son: MARCUS J. WEISE Born:

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T-1 Selective Service records	✓ Background	✓ February or March 1944	SA DANIEL P. O'CONNOR	100-54098-3
	✓ Background	✓ 5/24/54	SA WILLIAM M. KUSCE, JR.	100-54098-99
T-2 [REDACTED]	✓ Background	✓ 5/21/54	SA ROBERT E. TIVAN	100-54098-98
	✓ CP membership 1945-1952	✓ 2/1/54	SA ROBERT E. TIVAN	100-54098-91
	✓ Visited Murmansk	✓ 5/21/54	SA ROBERT E. TIVAN	100-54098-98
T-3 [REDACTED]	✓ letter dated 4/23/47	✓ 5/23/47	SA K. A. MOSEBURGH SE STEPHEN M. JENNINGS	100-26603-1A-2308
	✓ letter dated 11/1/48	✓ 10/31/49	SA HERBERT P. LARSEN SE ALFRED E. FAJETER	100-54098-1A3
	✓ "The Worker" subscription 1/25/50	✓ 2/25/52	SA EVERETT K. DEANE	100-54098-69

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T-1 [redacted]	✓ Woman attempted to contact the CP Office	✓ 6/3/47		
T-5 [redacted]	✓ 4/7/50	✓ 4/12/50	SA RICHARD T. CLANCY	[redacted]
SA (b)(7) - (D)	✓ 5/5/50	✓ 5/11/50	SA RICHARD T. CLANCY	[redacted]
	✓ 3/10/50	✓ 3/15/50	SA EDWARD W BUCKLEY <del>REDACTED</del>	[redacted]
	✓ 4/7/50	✓ 4/12/50	SA RICHARD T. CLANCY	[redacted]
	✓ 4/14/50	✓ 4/26/50	SA RICHARD T. CLANCY	[redacted]
	✓ 5/5/50	✓ 5/11/50	SA RICHARD T. CLANCY	[redacted]
	✓ 5/26/50	✓ 6/5/50	SA RICHARD T. CLANCY	[redacted]
	✓ 6/9/50	✓ 6/21/50	SA RICHARD T. CLANCY	[redacted]
T-6 [redacted]	✓ 9/10/52	✓ 9/13/52	SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON	[redacted]

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T-7 [redacted]	✓ sponsor of May Day Committee 1951.	✓ August, 1951	SA FRANK J. SMITH	100-54098-55
T-8	not utilized			
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T-9 [redacted]	✓ WEISE seen at Workers School USED TO DOCUMENT ALP	✓ 3/29/44		
T-10 [redacted]	✓ Employed JSSS 4/1/47- 6/30/47	✓ 2/28/49	Unknown agent	100-54098-22
T-11 [redacted]	✓ JSSS 1948	✓ 1948	SA EDWARD W. BUCKLEY	62-8932
T-12 [redacted]	✓ Tribute to BEN DAVIS 1949	✓ 11/17/49	SA DAVID W. PITCHER	100-23825- 1A-113

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	member of IWO March, 1951	3/15/51	SA EVERETT K. DEANE	100-2936-1A-6
T-13 [REDACTED]	3/3/50	3/11/50	SA <del>EDWARD W. BUCKLEY</del>	[REDACTED]
	3/25/50	4/4/50	SA RICHARD T. CLANCY	
	4/14/50	4/20/50	SA RICHARD T. CLANCY	
	4/21/50	5/1/50	SA RICHARD T. CLANCY	
	4/29/50	5/1/50	SA RICHARD T. CLANCY	
T-14 [REDACTED]	5/16/51	5/21/51	SA DAMON W. PITCHER	100-54098-48
	5/23/51	6/1/51	SA DAMON W. PITCHER	100-54098-50
T-15 [REDACTED]	11/25/53	11/27/53	SA JOSEPH J. MC FARLAND	100-54089-8284

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	✓ 12/12/53	✓ 12/15/53	SAS JOSEPH J. MC FARLAND and DANIEL V. RYAN	100-54098-86
T-16 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 5px 0;"></div> FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	✓ 10/13/54	✓ 10/15/54	SA W. DONALD DE WITT	
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✓ 11/17/54	✓ 11/19/54	SA W. DONALD DE WITT		
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✓ 12/15/54	✓ 12/19/54	SA W. DONALD DE WITT		

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	✓ 1/18/55	✓ 1/30/55	SA W. DONALD DE WITT	
	✓ 2/1/55 ✓ 2/8/55 ✓ 2/15/55	✓ 2/20/55	SA W. DONALD DE WITT	
	✓ 3/1/55 ✓ 3/22/55	✓ 5/1/55	SA W. DONALD DE WITT	
T-17 [REDACTED]	✓ 10/13/54	✓ 10/19/54	SA W. DONALD DE WITT	
	✓ 10/20/54 ✓ 10/24/54	✓ 10/27/54	SA W. DONALD DE WITT	
	✓ 10/27/54	✓ 10/28/54	SA W. DONALD DE WITT	
FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	✓ 11/3/54	✓ 11/4/54	SA W. DONALD DE WITT	
	✓ 11/10/54	✓ 11/12/54	SA W. DONALD DE WITT	
	✓ 11/17/54	✓ 11/22/54	SA W. DONALD DE WITT	
	✓ 12/1/54	✓ 12/7/54	SA W. DONALD DE WITT	

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	✓ 12/8/54	✓ 12/10/54	SA W. DONALD DE WITT	
T-18 [redacted]	✓ 2/8/55	✓ 2/10/55	SA DAVID V. RYAN	
T-19 [redacted]	✓ "Jeffersonian" 2/21/55	✓ 2/24/55	SA WILLIAM P. FRIDAY	
	✓ "Jeffersonian" 10/17/55	✓ 10/20/55	SA JOHN J. MATTIMORE	100-51820-1A-1160
T-20 [redacted]	✓ 6/7/51	✓ 6/7/51		
	✓ 6/21/51	✓ 6/21/51		
T-21 [redacted]	✓ IWO membership 1953	✓ 6/22/54	SA DAMON W. PITCHER	100-2936-1A-1492 p.286
T-22 BELLA V. DODD (by request)	✓ (used to document ALP)			
T-23 [redacted]	✓ Banquet 2/27/54	✓ 3/15/54	SA JOSEPH P. MAHER	100-119153-1A

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T-24 [redacted]	✓ Contacted "Daily Worker" office	✓ 2/3/44	agent unknown	97-169-271A
FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	✓ Contacted "Daily Worker" office for the photograph	✓ 2/14/44	agent unknown	97-169-277

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed, and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

The informants mentioned in the Miscellaneous section of this report are as follows:

[redacted]  
Contacted by  
SA RICHARD H. BLASSER  
on 6/29/53

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Contacted by  
SA RICHARD H. BLASSER  
on 6/29/53


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Contacted by  
SA JOHN W. DOOLEY  
on 6/25/53.

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recontacted  
by SA JOHN W. DOOLEY  
on 6/25/53.

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The pretext telephone call on 4/29/55, was made to the receptionist at the Renwick Frocks Co., by SA ROBERT E. TAYLOR. The pretext used is unknown.

The pretext on 1/16/54, was made by SA REID M. LEISHMAN to an unknown individual at the office of the Regency Park Apartments, 141-21 Union Turnpike. The pretext used was a credit check.

The pretext on 1/31/56 was made by SA REID M. LEISHMAN to an unknown individual at the Walowitz Dress Co., Br 9-8958. The pretext used was insurance.

The Agent who overheard WEISE's speech on 5/1/53 was SA THORNTON M. WOOD who was stationed in a plant at 45 East 18th Street, NYC, in the offices of Max Elkhardt and Co. Stenographers ANTHONY R. VILLANO and HOWARD C. HAYES made notes of speeches.

LEADS

NEW YORK At New York, New York

1. Will observe the subject.
2. Will check marriage records to determine if subject was married in November or December of 1936.
3. Contact informants of NYO for additional information on subject's activities.
4. Conduct additional investigation to develop information re subject's present activities.

This case has been reevaluated under the criteria for Security Index, and still meets the criteria.

SI Card reviewed current and correct

REFERENCE Report of SA SALVATOR F. DUCIBELLA, New Haven, 6/17/55.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-293323)

DATE: 8/17/56

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-54098)

SUBJECT: MYER WEISE, was  
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There is herewith enclosed four copies of report of  
SA JOHN E. MOONE, dated as above.

On 2/1/56, [redacted] made available photographic  
material in the possession of CARL and LEONORA DORFMAN. Included  
in this material are:

Noted regarding CP literature and a CP educational  
outline. They contain the names MEYER WEISE and "DOXIE". (DOXIE WILKINSON  
is a JSSS instructor.)

Sheet of paper containing a number of notations under  
the heading of "Teachers". Mentioned are "DOXIE", MEYER WEISE, and  
"SELSAM". (HOWARD SELSAM is also an instructor at the JSSS.)

Notebook containing name "MEYER WEISE, 141-02 79th Avenue,  
Flushing, Jamaica 6-2437".

This information has not been reported as its significance  
is unknown.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>MYER WEISE, was</b>		Report made by <b>JOHN E. MOONE</b>	Typed By: <b>peh</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

Synopsis:

MYER WEISE is employed by Walowitz Dress Company, 307 West 38th Street, NYC, and continues to reside at 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing, NY. Reported by informants who have furnished reliable information in the past, to have submitted resolution to Chairman and Executive Secretary of CP, USA, asking for an estimate by the CP, USA National Committee of the problems raised by the 20th Congress of the CPSU; to have spoken at May Day Rally, 4/30/56; to have participated in a debate at the JSSS on 5/23/56, in which he argued that Socialism could not come to the US without violence; was instructor at the JSSS during the Spring term of 1956, teaching "Highlights of Marx 'Capital!'".

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DETAILS:

BACKGROUND

Marital Status

Records of the Bronx Bureau of Vital Statistics, checked by SA THEODORE A. KORONTJIS on June 7, 1956, reflect that ~~MEYER WEISS~~, age 26, of 983 East 46th Street, New York City, and ~~ESTHER BARKSKY~~ of 2150 Crotona Parkway, Bronx, New York, were married on November 30, 1936, at Bronx, New York.

These records further reflected that MEYER WEISS and his parents, ABRAHAM and FANNY HELLER WEISS and ESTHER BARKSKY and her parents, SAMUEL and MIRIAM BARKSKY, were all born in Russia.

Employment

By pretext telephone call, made by agent of the FBI, to subject at Walowitz Dress Company, 307 West 38th Street, New York City on July 13, 1956, it was ascertained that WEISE was presently employed at this company.

Residence

FRED SOUDERS, Superintendent, Regency Park Apartments, advised SA JOHN E. MOONE on July 18, 1956 that MYER WEISE resided at 141-39 79th Avenue, Flushing, New York from October 1, 1940 to October 1, 1943, then moved to 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing, New York, at which address he still resides, in Apartment 3J. Mr. SOUDERS stated that he is not personally acquainted with WEISE. He also advised that WEISE's name is spelled MYER WEISE on his lease, but that in correspondence the name is also spelled MEYER WEISE and MEYER-WEISS.

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AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Communist Party (CP) Sympathies

T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on April 27, 1956, made available the following information:

MEYER WEISS and ALEX KOLKIN had submitted a resolution to WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, Chairman of the CP, USA and to EUGENE DENNIS, Executive Secretary of the CP, USA, urging the National Committee of the CP, USA to come forth with an estimate of the problems raised at the 20th Congress of the CPSU. This resolution had been endorsed by a meeting of party members in the dress industry.

T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 1, 1947 that ALEX KOLKIN was then an executive of the CP in the Needle Trade Group and General Secretary of the Dressmakers Rank and File, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, Local 22. He had been a member of the CP for a very long time, and seemed in complete control of the group.

T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 11, 1956, that MYER WEISE spoke briefly at the May Day rally held April 30, 1956, at Union Square, New York City.

JOHN LAUTNER, former CP member for over 20 years, who at the time of his expulsion was Chairman of the New York State CP Review Commission, advised on April 30, 1951 that the annual May Day Parade is a CP function, and that the parade is sponsored by the United May Day Committee.

The United May Day Committee has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States as an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

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An agent of the FBI identified MYER WEISE as a speaker at the May Day rally of April 30, 1956 at Union Square, New York City.

In the May 23, 1956 edition of the "Daily Worker", on page 4, column 1, a letter signed by MYER WEISE was printed in the feature known as "Speak Your Piece". In this letter, WEISE criticizes an article by MAX WEISS that appeared in the April 5 and 6th, editions of the "Daily Worker" as "an attempt to eliminate the revolutionary content of Marxism", in stating that it is possible for the American people to establish a socialist government by peaceful constitutional means. To contradict this, WEISE quotes KHRUSCHEV saying, "In countries where capitalism is still strong and has a huge military and police apparatus at its disposal, the reactionary forces will of course inevitably offer serious resistance. There the transition to Socialism will be attended by a sharp class, revolutionary struggle". WEISE follows this quotation with a statement, "I would like to emphasize that the latter characterization describes conditions as they exist at the present time in the United States".

The "Daily Worker" in its edition of April 5, 1956 refers to MAX WEISS on page 4, column 1, as "National Educational Director, Communist Party".

T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 14, 1956 that MYER WEISE participated in a forum held at the Jefferson School of Social Science on May 23, 1956. The discussion consisted of a debate concerning articles written by MAX WEISS in the "Daily Worker", in which he contended that Socialism could come to the United States without violence and could allow civil liberties to those opposed to Socialism.

The informant advised that WEISE took the negative in the debate, arguing that the ruling class would not give up without a last ditch struggle, and that the working class would have to struggle until the ruling class is no longer effective. He also felt that the question of civil liberties was academic and that certainly no activities opposed to the socialist state would be tolerated.

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Communist Front Organizations

Jefferson School of Social Science (JSSS)

The JSSS has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States as an organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

On February 15, 1956, T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished a copy of the "Jeffersonian", the publication of the JSSS, for the week of January 23, 1956. This announced a round table discussion to be held at the JSSS on January 29, 1956 entitled "What's Ahead for US Economy in 1956". MYER WEISE was scheduled to participate in this discussion.

The 1956 Spring catalogue of the JSSS made available by T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on April 12, 1956, lists MYER WEISE as instructor in "Highlights of Marx's 'Capital'".

The April 2, 1956 edition of the "Daily Worker" on page 8, column 2 announces a ten session evening course to be taught by MYER WEISE in the Spring term program of the JSSS, beginning the week of April 9th.

The "Daily Worker" in its edition of May 22, 1956, announces a Roundtable Forum on Civil Liberties and Socialism in the United States, to be held at the JSSS on May 23, 1956. Among the speakers mentioned is MYER WEISE.

T-3 advised on April 25, 1956 that MYER WEISE conducted a class in "Highlights of Marx's 'Capital'" on April 18, 1956, at the JSSS. The informant advised that WEISE described the book as a great work of political economy and a polemic against capital. WEISE also stated that in line with the new policy there would be more and freer discussions, and that there would be a question and answer period at the end of each session.

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T-3 advised on May 11, 1956 that MYER WEISE conducted a class on "Highlights of 'Capital'" on May 2, 1956 at the JSSS, at which he discussed Marxist terms such as "use value" and "exchange value".

On May 11, 1956, the informant also reported on another class on "Capital" conducted by WEISE at the JSSS on May 9, 1956, at which WEISE discussed commodities, and stated that under Capitalism the market does not meet consumption and there is conflict, but that under socialism there is no problem as production is planned.

On May 24, 1956, T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished a copy of the "Jeffersonian", for the week of May 14, 1956, which announces a forum to be held May 23, 1956, at which MYER WEISE was scheduled to be one of the speakers.

T-7 on May 31, 1956 furnished a copy of the "Jeffersonian" for the week of May 21, 1956, which announces that MYER WEISE would be one of the speakers at a discussion on Civil Liberties and Socialism in the United States to be held at the JSSS on May 23, 1956.

#### Miscellaneous CP Activities

Informants, who have knowledge of certain phases of CP activity in the New York area and who have furnished reliable information in the past, were contacted in May and June, 1956, and advised that they were not acquainted with the subject.

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T-1. [redacted]	Letter to FOSTER and DENNIS ✓			100-54098- 184
T-2. [redacted]	Used to document ALEX KOLKIN ✓			
T-3. [redacted]	Subject spoke at May Day Rally ✓			
	JSSS class 4/18/56 ✓			
	JSSS class 5/2/56 ✓			
	JSSS class 5/9/56. ✓			
T-4. [redacted]	Debate at JSSS 5/23/56 ✓			
T-5. [redacted]	✓			100-51820 1A 1243-1249
T-6. [redacted]	✓			100-51820-1A NYO Library
T-7. [redacted]	"Jeffersonian", 5/14/56 ✓			100-51820- 1A132 4

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The informants mentioned in the miscellaneous section of the report are:

5/29/56. [ ] contacted by SA ROBERT E. TAYLOR on

on 6/1/56. [ ] and [ ] contacted by SA ARTHUR HEALY

6/5/56. [ ] contacted by SA RICHARD H. BLASSER on

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The pretext telephone call to subject on 7/13/56 was made by KENNETH A. WHITTAKER, under the pretext of selling insurance.

The agent who identified the subject at the May Day rally was SA JOHN HAAG, who advised his description was substantially the same as previously given.

No authority is requested to interview subject as his recent statements give no reason to believe that he would be cooperative.

SI cards reviewed and are current and correct. This case has been re-evaluated under the criteria for Security Index, and still meets the criteria.

REFERENCE

Report of SA JOHN E. MOONE, 4/27/56, New York.



# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-293323)

DATE: 10/4/57

FROM : SAC, New York (100-54098)

SUBJECT: MYER WEISE, was.  
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TITLE OF CASE <b>MYER WEISE, was</b>		Report made by <b>WARREN G. JOHNSON</b>	Typed By: <b>Jar</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

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**Synopsis:**

Subject resided Apartment 3J, 141-02 79th Avenue, Queens, NY, and was employed at the office of LEO PRAEGER, 347 Madison Avenue, NYC, as of September, 1957. Confidential informants have advised: WEISE contacted by GEORGE WATT, 6/15/56; taught classes in Marx "Capital", December, 1956, through May, 1957; Subscriber to "Daily Worker" and or "The Worker", 1956; in contact with MAX WEISS; ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN; HARRY MAGDOFF, known to WILLIAM WOLF WEINSTONE; attended affair for EDWARD J. FITZGERALD, 3/30/57. WEISE listed as panelist for discussions to be held at the Jefferson School of Social Science on 1/29/56, 5/23/56, and 11/20/56; listed as teacher at the Jefferson School of Social Science, Fall Term, 1956.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

On October 11, 1956, Mrs. KAY HARRINGTON, Regency Park Apartments, 141-02 79th Avenue, Queens, New York, advised SA JOHN E. MOONE that WEISE was residing at 141-02 79th Avenue, Queens, as of that date.

On March 4, 1957, a pretext telephone call was made to JA 6-2437 by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The unidentified individual answering the telephone, advised that MYER WEISE was then residing at 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing, New York.

The 1957-58 New York Telephone Company's Directory for the Borough of Queens, New York, lists the telephone number JA 6-2437 to MYER WEISE, 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing.

On September 25, 1957, Mrs. KAY HARRINGTON, Regency Park Apartments, advised SA WARREN G. JOHNSON that MYER WEISE was residing in Apartment 3J located at 141-02 79th Avenue, Queens, as of that date.

B. Employment

On February 21, 1957, T-1 advised that MYER WEISE was not employed as of that date.

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On March 4, 1957, a Special Agent of the FBI made a pretext telephone call to the Walowitz Dress Company, 307 West 38th Street, New York, New York, BR 9-8958, and it was determined that the subject was employed by that firm as of that date.

On September 25, 1957, a pretext telephone call was made by a Special Agent of the FBI to the Walowitz Dress Company, BR 9-8958. The unidentified male answering the telephone, advised that MYER WEISE was no longer employed by that firm and that he had no idea as to where WEISE was then employed.

On April 8, 1957, and August 14, 1957, T-2 made information available that WEISE indicated on those dates that he could be reached at telephone number MU 6-4845.

The 1957-58 New York Telephone Company's Directory for the Borough of Manhattan, New York, lists the telephone number Murray Hill 6-4845 to LEO PRAEGER, Attorney, 347 Madison Avenue, New York, New York.

On September 26, 1957, a Special Agent of the FBI made a pretext telephone call to Murray Hill 6-4845. The unidentified female answering the phone, advised that MYER WEISE was not in the office that date.

## II. EVIDENCE OF COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) MEMBERSHIP

On July 25, 1956, T-3 made information available that GEORGE WATT had directed a letter to MYER WEISE, dated June 15, 1956, which was addressed "Co-Ordinating Committee,

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"Dress Clubs, New York State CP, Comrade MYER WEISE, Dear Comrade WEISE:". In this letter, WATT stated that the various points of view expressed by members of the National Committee at their last meeting, were not available, and that the three official reports made had been printed and were being distributed throughout the entire Party.

Concerning GEORGE WATT, the following is to be noted:

On May 29, 1957, T-4 advised that during the New York County CP Committee meeting held May 28, 1957, it was announced that GEORGE WATT had been elected as Organizational Secretary of the New York State CP at a meeting of the New York State Committee of the CP held May 27, 1957.

### III. EVIDENCE OF CP SYMPATHY

#### A. Jefferson School of Social Science, New York City, (JSSS)

The JSSS has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

In the "National Guardian" of January 23, 1956, on page 11, column 1, and January 30, 1956, on page 11, column 2, it is reflected that MYER WEISE was included on the list of panelists who were to take part in a roundtable discussion on "What's Ahead for American Economy in 1957", to be held on January 29, 1956, at the Jefferson

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School, 575 6th Avenue, New York City, at 8 p.m.  
(See Appendix).

In the "Daily Worker", issue of May 23, 1956, on page 2, column 3, it is reflected under the caption "Forum Tonight at Jeff School", that MYER WEISE was to be included in a panel who were to discuss civil liberties in a Socialist America, on that evening at the JSSS, 575 6th Avenue, New York City.

The "Daily Worker" is an East coast Communist daily newspaper.

On August 23, 1956, T-5 made available a copy of the JSSS Fall Term, 1956 catalogue. This catalogue lists MYER WEISS as instructor of Marx "Capital", Volume 1, held Wednesday, 6:45, and as instructor in a Seminar: The Economic Cycles, held Wednesdays, 8:15 to 10:15.

On October 4, 1956, T-6 advised that a Mr. WEISS made an appeal to a JSSS class held on the evening of October 3, 1956, urging the class to see if they could increase the school's enrollment by asking their friends to attend.

On November 6, 1956, T-7 made available a throw-away which listed "Four Round Tables Relating to the Draft Resolution of the CP, USA", to be held at the JSSS, 575 6th Avenue, New York City. The name MYER WEISE was included among the panelists listed for the discussion to be held November 20, at 8:15 p.m., on the topic "Is Capitalist Stabilization Now Possible?"

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On November 14, 1956, November 15, 1956, and December 6, 1956, respectively, T-6, T-8, and T-9 made available the same throw-a-way.

In the "National Guardian" of November 19, 1956, on page 11, column 1, and the "Daily Worker" of November 20, 1956, on page 7, columns 4 and 5, it is reflected that MYER WEISE was to be included in a panel to discuss "Is Capitalist Stabilization Now Possible?", which was to be held at the JSSS, on November 20, 1956.

On November 29, 1956, T-1 advised that MYER WEISE spoke at a forum entitled "Is Capitalist Stabilization Now Possible?", which was held at the JSSS, 575 6th Avenue, New York City, on the evening of November 20, 1956.

WEISE stated that the book Peoples Capitalism by NADLER purports to show that the people own the wealth in capitalistic countries, but this is a myth! Mutual corporations, such as insurance companies, collect twice as much in premiums as the people received in payments. There is a tremendous increase in the monopoly of finance by a few. There is no people's ownership; ownership is concentrated in an inner core of financial capitalists. One-fifth of the population in our country receives below average wages. To think that this breeds economic stability, to think that a boom will not end in economic crisis, is a mistake. When the problem is really dissolved, it will be through socialism.

To maintain capitalistic stabilization, economists say that the country must plan the resources and the prices. They challenge the fundamental concepts of Leninism and Marxism without really understanding them. They challenge Lenin's concept of capitalism, the labor theory of value, the wage theory of value and the

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impoverishment of the working class in England. They say that Marx' absolute impoverishment theory did not work out. In all instances, the economists either distort or falsify the facts regarding this.

In periods like this with their incessant attacks on the fundamental theories of Marxism and Leninism and in view of some of the events which have happened to discredit the socialist movement, it is important to understand that Marxism is a science. These scientific discoveries are not to be played with. Re-valuation means a thorough study, it means scientific research. These are the things we must do when considering Marxism.

From the audience: There has been a growing theory that by liberal methods the working class can seize the hand of the capitalist and move towards socialism. What do you think?

WEISE answered: The accumulation of capitalism can not be effected by the working class trying to eliminate the evils of capitalism. I believe in the inevitability of crisis under capitalism.

On November 27, 1956, and December 14, 1956, respectively, T-10 and T-9 advised that WEISE spoke at the above described roundtable.

#### B. Classes and Lectures Conducted

On December 13, 1956, T-7 advised that a student rally was held at the JSSSS on December 12, 1956, to discuss the closing of the JSSS and to discuss ways of



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continuing classes in Marxism. During the meeting, the Moderator read out the names of the classes that were still functioning among which was a class taught by Mr. WEISE in Socialist Movement, Sculpture, and on Capital and Capitalism. This class was to meet at the Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York, New York, at 6:30 each Wednesday.

On December 20, 1956, T-7 advised that MYER WEISE taught a class in Economics on December 19, 1956, in Room 14K, Academy Hall, New York, New York. WEISE discussed limited resource and money and its relation to society and history from early days to the present.

On January 10, 1957, T-11 advised that on December 26, 1956, MYER WEISE taught a class on "Capital" at 853 Broadway, New York, New York. WEISE discussed surplus value on capital profiteering.

On January 2, 1957, T-7 corroborated the above information.

On January 3, 1957, T-1 advised that MYER WEISE taught a class in Room 15B, at the Academy Hall, 14th and Broadway, New York, New York, on the evening of January 2, 1957, during which he discussed exploitation. T-1 advised that this class was the former class "Marx-Capital, Volume 1", which was held at the JSSS.

On January 14, 1957, T-7 corroborated the above information.

O On February 1, 1957, T-11 made available the minutes of a committee meeting which was held on

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January 9, 1957. T-11 stated that this document refers to the continuation classes of the JSSS, lists the classes then in session, and the proposed classes. Among those existing classes listed was "Capitalism, Volume 1, Teacher MEYER WEISS, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., at 853 Broadway, Room 15B".

These minutes also reflected that all those in attendance at that meeting had agreed that the purpose of the organization was to further socialist study.

On February 11, 1957, T-11 made available the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting which was held January 31, 1957, at 515 East 14th Street, New York City. T-11 advised that this Committee was formed to coordinate the activities of the various classes which were then in session in New York City, which were continuation classes of the defunct JSSS. These minutes reflected that among the matters discussed was the class "Capital" by MEYER WEISS held Wednesdays with 14 students.

Another proposal was brought forward on the basis of a series of lectures which MEYER WEISS would like to conduct on the Economic Cycle. It would be a series of eight lectures each being a complete discussion of a single phase of the problem.

He asked that this group give him assistance and support and the committee recommended to the membership that they should support this lecture series.

On January 10, 1957, T-1 advised that on January 9, 1957, MYER WEISE taught a class on Marx - Capital, Volume 1, in Room 15B at Academy Hall, New York City. The discussion concerned relative and absolute surplus value.

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On January 14, 1957, T-7 and T-12 corroborated the above information.

On February 1, 1957, T-11 advised that MYER WEISE was the instructor of a class on "Capital" held on January 16, 1957, in Room 16B at 853 Broadway, New York City. The discussion was a continuation of relative and absolute surplus value.

On January 31, 1957, T-7 advised that MYER WEISE taught a class on the topic: How the Nation's Economy Effects Labor Hours and Wages, in Room 15B at 853 Broadway, New York City, on January 23, 1957.

On February 6, 1957, T-13 corroborated the above information.

On February 11, 1957, T-11 advised that MYER WEISE taught a class on "Capital" in Room 15B, 853 Broadway, New York City, on the evening of January 30, 1957. WEISE discussed relative diminution of the variable part of capital simultaneously with the progress of accumulation and the concentration that accompanies it.

On January 31, 1957, and February 6, 1957, respectively, T-7 and T-13 corroborated the above information.

On February 7, 1957, T-1 advised that MYER WEISE taught a class entitled "Marx - Capital" on February 6, 1957, in Room 15B, Academy Hall, New York City. The discussion concerned the topic of the absolute impoverishment of the workers in America and

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covered chapters four and five in Marx' work entitled "Capital".

On February 11, 1957, and February 15, 1957, respectively, T-11 and T-7 corroborated the above information.

On February 13, 1957, T-1 advised that MYER WEISE taught a class entitled "Marx - Capital" on that date in Room 17B, Academy Hall, New York City. The central idea of this class was taken from chapters four and five of "Marx - Capital", which dealt with the absolute impoverishment of the working class. WEISE announced that the next session of this course entitled "Marx - Capital", would be based on volume three of Marx' work entitled "Capital", and that this session would begin in approximately two weeks at a cost of \$10.00 per student and would run for approximately eight weeks.

On February 28, 1957, and March 1, 1957, respectively, T-13 and T-11 corroborated the above information.

On February 15, 1957, T-7 advised that at the class on economy, held at the Academy Hall, New York City, on February 13, 1957, MYER WEISE gave a short resume on how he became interested in the Marxist Labor Movement. He stated that about 1932, he was working in the garment industry at the Howard Factories in Brooklyn, sewing on coat pockets. A friend of his had a large library of Marxist books and WEISE started reading them and then began taking part in the labor movement. Before the class was dismissed, WEISE stated that he was

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happy to know that his students did digest most of his lectures and were taking everything seriously and pointed out that the students would become leaders in the movement of labor classes in the future. He illustrated that point by stating that it only takes one man to lead two or three thousand people all he needs is to know and to state the facts. As Marx saw it in 1847 - it applies very much today.

On February 15, 1957, and February 18, 1957, T-14 advised that MYER WEISE'S class on Capital Volume 1 was meeting in Room 15B, 855 Broadway, New York City.

On February 21, 1957, T-1 advised that MYER WEISE taught a class entitled "Marx - Capital, Volume 3" on the evening of February 20, 1957, at the Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City, sponsored by the Social Science Forum. WEISE stated that within two weeks the next session of the Social Science Forum would commence. He stated that due to a shortage of copies of "Capital, Volume 3", it was decided that the course should be taught from an outline and the lecture given by himself. WEISE stated that the discussions would be placed on electronic tape and would be used to make a pamphlet on the course which would be taught in the new school.

On February 28, 1957, March 1, 1957, and March 8, 1957, respectively, T-13, T-11, and T-7 corroborated the above information.  
(See Appendix)

On March 8, 1957, T-11 advised that MYER WEISE taught a class on "Capital, Volume 3" on the evening of February 27, 1957, in Room 16B, located at 853 Broadway, New York City. The discussion concerned the rate of profit in relation to sales dollar.

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On March 8, 1957, T-7 corroborated the above information.

On March 11, 1957, T-13 advised that MYER WEISE taught a class on "Capital, Volume 3" on the evening of March 6, 1957, Room 14A, Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City. T-13 stated regarding WEISE'S discussion of dialectical materialism, that he was extremely clever at handling these pseudo-scientific bits of "hogwash" and that at least a half dozen of the students had mastered his technique sufficiently to confuse any but the very astute opponents of socialism.

On March 8, 1957, and March 14, 1957, respectively, T-11 and T-1 corroborated the above information.

On March 8, 1957, T-7 advised that MYER WEISE taught a class on the evening of March 7, 1957, in Room 15A, at 853 Broadway, New York City. The subject of the lecture was the fundamental laws of economics, as Marx saw them and as interpreted by WEISE.

On March 14, 1957, T-12 advised that MYER WEISE taught a class on "Marx - Capital" in Room 16B, Academy Hall, New York City, on March 13, 1957. WEISE discussed the wage relationship between employer and employee.

On March 14, 1957, and March 22, 1957, respectively, T-1 and T-13 corroborated the above information.

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On March 21, 1957, T-1 advised that a class of the Social Science Forum was held on the evening of March 20, 1957, in Room 16B, Academy Hall, New York City. T-1 stated that the topic discussed was surplus value rate from Marx' "Capital". T-1 stated that the instructor for this class was MYER WEISE who attended the class although the class was led on that evening by one of the students.

On March 25, 1957, March 27, 1957, and March 29, 1957, respectively, T-13, T-17, and T-11 corroborated the above information.

On March 28, 1957, T-1 advised that MYER WEISE taught a class on "Marx - Capital" on the evening of March 27, 1957, in Room 16B, Academy Hall, New York City. T-1 stated that the topic discussed was the rate of profit and that the class was cut short as WEISE had to give a lecture in another room at Academy Hall.

On March 29, 1957, T-13 and T-11, and on April 5, 1957, T-7, corroborated the above information.

"The Worker", issue of March 24, 1957, on page 15, column 2, reflects an advertisement of a series of six weekly lectures on "Boom or Bust" to be given by MYER WEISE. The first lecture was to be held on March 27, at 8 p.m., at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City.

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", an East coast Communist daily newspaper.

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On April 5, 1957, T-7 advised that MYER WEISE gave a lecture on the topic "Economic Summary of the Depression Years of 1927 - 1937", on the evening of March 27, 1957, in Room 16B, Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York, New York. T-7 stated that WEISE announced that this was the first of a series of six lectures and that WEISE complained of the poor attendance as there were only 20 persons at that lecture.

On April 4, 1957, T-1 advised that MYER WEISE taught a class entitled "Marx - Capital" on the evening of April 3, 1957, at the Academy Hall, New York City. T-1 stated that the topic discussed was the rate of surplus value and its relation to supply and demand.

On April 5, 1957, and April 9, 1957, respectively, T-7 and T-13 corroborated the above information.

"The Worker", issue of March 31, 1957, on page 15, column 4, lists that MYER WEISE would give the second of a series of lectures on "Boom or Bust" on Wednesday, April 3, 1957, at 8 p.m.

On April 8, 1957, T-15 advised that MYER WEISE gave a lecture on economics on the evening of April 3, 1957, in Room 15B, Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City. The lecture, which was a part of a series on the American Economy, dealt with the Non-Marxist view of the economy and its cycles of Boom or Bust. WEISE announced at this lecture that the intake



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had not been sufficient to cover the expenses of the room and advertisement so that until further notice he was suspending the series of lectures.

On April 9, 1957, T-11 corroborated the above information.

"The Worker", issue of April 7, 1957, on page 15, column 3, and the "Daily Worker", issue of April 10, 1957, on page 7, column 5, reflected that MYER WEISE was to discuss "The Marxist Theory of Economic Crisis", at 8 p.m., on April 10, 1957, at the Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City.

On April 18, 1957, T-1 advised that MYER WEISE taught a class on "Marx - Capital" on the evening of April 17, 1957, at the Academy Hall, New York City. T-1 stated that the topic for discussion was the rate of surplus value as defined by KARL MARX. WEISE announced that unless more money was raised, the class would not be able to continue as they were \$60.00 in debt. He stated that the same condition exists with regard to his lecture series.

On April 18, 1957, and April 24, 1957, respectively, T-7 and T-11 corroborated the above information.

The "Daily Worker", issue of April 15, 1957, on page 7, column 5, reflects under the caption "What's On?" that MYER WEISE was to discuss "The Economic Crisis: Marx' Theories", on Wednesday, April 17, 1957, at 8 p.m., Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City.

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The "Daily Worker", issue of April 22, 1957, page 7, column 2, reflects under the caption "What's On?" that MEYER WEISE would continue his lecture series on the economic crisis on Wednesday, at 8 p.m., at the Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City.

On May 9, 1957, T-1 advised that MYER WEISE taught a class entitled "Marx - Capital" on the evening of May 8, 1957, in Room 16 B, Academy Hall, New York City. T-1 stated that the topic discussed was agriculture and land value. WEISE announced that there would be one more class as he had been invited to give four lectures for another group, which would not be open to the public, and that those interested in continuing attendance at his lectures would have to consult "The Worker" for future announcements as to when and where his classes would be held.

On May 14, 1957, T-7 advised that MYER WEISE taught a class on May 8, 1957, in Room 16B, 853 Broadway, New York City. T-1 stated that this was the last class of the semester.

The "Daily Worker", issue of May 8, 1957, page 7, column 5, reflects under the caption "What's On?" that MYER WEISE was to continue his lecture series on the economic crisis at the Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City, on Wednesday at 8 p.m.

C. "Daily Worker" and/or "The Worker"

On March 5, 1957, T-16 made information available listing MEYER WEISE, 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing, Long Island,

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New York, as having a subscription to the "Daily Worker" and/or "The Worker" which ended August 25, 1956.

That same date, T-16 made available information listing WEISE, 41-02 79th Road, Flushing, Long Island, New York, as having a subscription to the "Daily Worker" and/or "The Worker" which ended February 21, 1956.

#### IV. ASSOCIATES

On June 18, and 19, 1956, T-17 made information available that on these dates MYER WEISE had been in contact with MAX WEISS to arrange a meeting between the two.

Concerning MAX WEISS, the following is to be noted:

MAX MORRIS WEISS was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in Chicago, Illinois, on May 14, 1954, for violation of Section 2385, Title 18, United States Code, (Membership Clause of the Smith Act). He is presently free on bond pending the setting of a trial date.

On April 4, 1957, T-4 advised that MAX WEISS was elected a member of the New York State CP Committee at the New York State CP Convention held March 30 - 31, 1957.

T-18 made information available during the period February 20, 1957 through May 22, 1957, that WEISE was in

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contact with ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN at least four times during that period. On the contact of February 20, 1957, NEEDLEMAN agreed to represent WEISE in all future business dealings.

T-19 made information available during the period February 7, 1957 through May 8, 1957, that WEISE was in contact with ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN on seven occasions during that period.

Concerning ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN, the following is to be noted:

T-20 advised during October, 1953, that NEEDLEMAN, an attorney at 165 Broadway, New York City, is a suspected Soviet espionage agent. T-20 also advised that NEEDLEMAN formerly had been attorney for the Amtorg Trading Corporation, the registered Russian Trade Agency in the United States.

On March 11, 1957, T-13 advised that attended class on "Marx - Capital", taught by WEISE on the evening of March 6, 1957, WEISE sold tickets to a "Greet" for EDWARD J. FITZGERALD, which was to be held on Saturday, March 30, from 8:40 p.m., at the Yugoslav Hall, 405 West 41st Street, New York City.

On April 9, 1957, T-11 advised that MYER WEISE attended a rally sponsored by the Friends of Edward Fitzgerald Committee held on the evening of March 30, 1957, at the Yugoslav Hall, New York City. T-11 stated that the rally was to welcome ED FITZGERALD home after being released from Danbury State Prison on March 29, 1957, after spending six months there.

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On April 8, 1957, T-13 corroborated the above information.

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Concerning EDWARD J. FITZGERALD, the following is to be noted:

In the House of Representatives report, Number 1229, 82nd Congress, Second Session, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, it is reflected that ELIZABETH BENTLEY identified EDWARD J. FITZGERALD as a member of a Soviet Espionage group which was composed primarily of individuals employed in the Government in Washington, D.C., operating in the mid 40s.

During the period March 13, 1957, through May 22, 1957, T-2 made information available that MYER WEISE had contacted or attempted to contact HARRY MAGDOFF on at least four occasions during that period.

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Concerning HARRY MAGDOFF, the following is to be noted:

In the House of Representatives report, Number 1229, 82nd Congress, Second Session, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, it is reflected that ELIZABETH BENTLEY identified HARRY MAGDOFF as a member of a Soviet Espionage group which was composed primarily of individuals employed in the Government in Washington, D.C., operating in the mid 40s.

On May 1, 1957, T-21 made information available that MYER WEISE, Telephone Number JA 6-2437, was known to

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WILLIAM WOLF WEINSTONE as of that date.

On June 19, 1957, T-21 made notes available which were maintained by WILLIAM WEINSTONE. These notes were captioned "Apparatus" and included under those listed under the sub-caption "Ed. Directors of County", was Brooklyn - MEYER WEISS. MEYER WEISS was also listed under the sub-captions "Nat. Group", and "People who can Teach".

Concerning WILLIAM WOLF WEINSTONE, the following is to be noted:

On April 1, 1957, T-4 identified WILLIAM WEINSTONE as a member of the CP National Committee as of that date.

On May 27, 1957, T-20 identified WILLIAM WEINSTONE as the New York State CP Educational Director as of that date.

#### V. MISCELLANEOUS

Other informants, who are familiar with various phases of CP activity in the New York City area, were contacted during July, 1957, and they advised that the subject was not known to them and they could furnish no information regarding him.

APPENDIX

"NATIONAL GUARDIAN";  
WEEKLY GUARDIAN ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED

The 1949 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities cited the "National Guardian" as a publication; launched in New York in 1948 aiming at national circulation, which it found to be from its inception notoriously Stalinist in its staff, writers, management and content. (1949 report of the California Senate Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, page 394).

The masthead of the "National Guardian", issue of May 14, 1956, reflects that it is published weekly by weekly Guardian Associates, Incorporated, 197 East 4th Street, New York City.

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SOCIAL SCIENCE FORUM

On March 7, 1957, a confidential informant advised that a Socialist General Membership meeting, sponsored by the Social Science Forum was held on the evening of February 14, 1957, in Room 9A, Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City. This informant stated that at this meeting MYER WEISE, former Jefferson School teacher of Marxism, agreed to give a series of eight lectures on behalf of the Social Science Forum. This informant stated that the purpose of the Social Science Forum is to further the continuance of Marxist education with the birth of a new school of the Jefferson School type as its ultimate goal.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-293323)

DATE: OCT 10 1957

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-54098)

SUBJECT: MYER WEISE, was  
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Enclosed herewith is the original and 3 copies of the report of SA WARREN G. JOHNSON and four copies of an informant characterization memo, all dated and captioned as above.

INFORMANTS

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Panel, 11/20/56

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T-3 [Redacted]	✓ 6/25/56			100-4931-1A625
T-4 [Redacted]	✓ USED TO DOCUMENT GEORGE WATT ✓ USED TO DOCUMENT MAX WEISS ✓ USED TO DOCUMENT WILLIAM WEINSTONE			
T-5 [Redacted]	✓			100-51820-1A1394
T-6 [Redacted]	✓ Class, 10/3/56 ✓ Throw-a-way			[Redacted] 100-51820-1A1439

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T-7 [Redacted]	✓ Throw-a-way			100-51820-1A1404
	✓ Rally, 12/12/56			[Redacted]
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	✓ Class, 12/26/56			
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T-8 [Redacted]	✓ Throw-a-way			100-51820-1A1423

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T-9 [Redacted]	✓ Throw-a-way ✓ Panelist, 11/20/56			100-51820-1A1435 [Redacted]
T-10 [Redacted]	✓		FOIA(b)(7)-(D)	[Redacted]
T-11 [Redacted]	✓ Class, 12/26/56 ✓ Minutes, 1/9/57 ✓ Minutes, 1/31/57 ✓ Class, 1/16/57 ✓ Class, 1/30/57 ✓ Class, 2/6/57 ✓ Class, 2/13/57 ✓ Class, 2/20/57 ✓ Class, 2/27/57 ✓ Class, 3/6/57 ✓ Class, 3/20/57 ✓ Class, 3/27/57 ✓ Lecture, 4/3/57 ✓ Class, 4/17/57 ✓ ED FITZGERALD Rally			[Redacted] 100-54098-238 100-54098-235 [Redacted]

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T-12 [Redacted]	✓ Class, 1/9/57			
	✓ Class, 3/13/57			
T-13 [Redacted]	✓ Class, 1/23/57			
	✓ Class, 1/30/57			
	✓ Class, 2/13/57			
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	ED FITZGERALD Affair			
T-14 [Redacted]	✓ Class, Capitalism Vol. 1			100-54098-223
	✓ Class, Capitalism Vol. 1			100-54098-224
T-15 [Redacted]	✓ Lecture, 4/3/57			[Redacted]
T-16 [Redacted]	✓ "DW" or "Worker" subscription ending 8/25/56			100-54098-267
	✓ "DW" or "Worker" subscription ending 2/21/56			100-54098-269

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T-17 [redacted]	✓ FOIA(b)(7) - (D)			100-54098-201
T-18 [redacted]	✓ 2/20/57			100-54098-240
	3/8/57			100-54098-249
	4/17/57			100-54098-292
	5/22/57			100-54098-320
T-19 [redacted]	✓ 2/7/57			100-54098-222
	2/11/57			100-54098-242
	3/6/57			100-54098-248
	4/4/57			100-54098-285
	4/8/57			100-54098-286
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	5/8/57			100-54098-306
✓ T-20 [redacted]	✓ USED TO DOCUMENT ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN			
	✓ USED TO DOCUMENT WILLIAM WEINSTONE			
T-21 [redacted]	✓ 5/1/57			100-9595-1B131
	✓ 6/19/57			100-54098-323


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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols have been utilized in the report only in those instances where the identity of the sources must be concealed.

Confidential informants listed in referenced report, who can furnish no information regarding the subject are identified as follows:

<u>Identity of Informant</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Agent Contacting</u>
 FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	7/10/57	CHARLES D. SHORES
	7/22/57	JAMES P. HALLERON
	7/23/57	JAMES P. HALLERON
	7/24/57	JAMES P. HALLERON

 was utilized to document the Social Science Forum.

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The pretext telephone calls of 3/4/57, were made by SA FRANCIS E. MURPHY. Pretext used in the call to the Walowitz Dress Company was as a credit inquiry.

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The telephone calls to BR 9-8958 on 9/25/57, and to MU 6-4845 on 9/26/57, were made by SA WARREN G. JOHNSON. No pretexts were needed.

This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the SI criteria and it still fits these criteria.

The subject's SI cards have been reviewed and the information appearing thereon is current and correct with the exception of the subject's apartment number and his employment which were changed by FD 122, dated 10-4-57

There is a suitable photograph of the subject available at the NYO.

This report is being classified "Confidential" inasmuch as it contains information, the disclosure of which would be detrimental to the national defense of the US.

REFERENCE

Report of SA JOHN E. MOONE, dated 8/10/56, at NY.





United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York

OCT 10 1957

Re: Myer Weise,  
with aliases

Reference report of Special Agent Warren G. Johnson, dated and captioned as above.

All confidential informants utilized in referenced report, with the exception of T-16, have furnished reliable information in the past. T-16 was in a position to furnish reliable information.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>10/27/58</b>	Investigative Period <b>8/25-27, 29; 9/2, 10, 25, 29, 30; 10/1-3, 6-8/58</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>MYER WEISE, was</b>		Report made by <b>JOSEPH R. CORCORAN</b>	Typed By: <b>mfm</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

Synopsis:

Subject resided in Apartment 3J, 141-02 ✓  
79th Avenue, Flushing, NY, ✓ and was employed  
in the office of LEO PRAEGER, 347 Madison  
Avenue, NYC ✓ as of October, 1958. Informants  
advised that the subject instructed a class  
of the NY County CP Leadership School and  
a class of the NY State CP Training School  
in June, 1958; instructed classes sponsored  
by the Faculty of Social Science, 1957-1958;  
was named Administrative Treasurer of the  
Fund for Social Analysis and attended meetings  
of that organization in 1958; attended May  
Day celebration 1958; and according to  
ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN was no longer in the CP.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

Employment

A pretext telephone call was directed to the offices of LEO PRAEGER, Room 406, 347 Madison Avenue, New York, New York, on October 6, 1958, by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). An unidentified female advised on that date that the subject was employed as of that date in the above office.

Residence

Mrs. KAY HARRINGTON, Regency Park Apartments, 141-21 79th Avenue, Flushing, New York, advised SA JOSEPH R. CORCORAN on October 7, 1958, that the subject as of that date resided in Apartment 3J, 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing, New York.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

1. Evidence of Sympathy for the Communist Movement

The Communist Party (CP), USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

CP Schools

T-1 advised on June 6, 1958, that the first meeting of the New York County CP Leadership "Cadre Training School" met in Room 18K, Academy Hall, New York City, on June 3, 1958. The schedule for the "Cadre Training School" was disclosed at this meeting. According to the schedule, a class on "Marxian Economy" was to be conducted by MEYER WEISE on June 10, 1958.

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T-1 advised on June 16, 1958, that the third session of the New York State CP Training School was held on June 10, 1958, at 92 2nd Avenue, Apartment Number 2D, New York City. MYER WEISE, who was one of twelve in attendance, addressed those assembled on the topic of Economic Conditions in the United States. He discussed periods of economic crises in the United States history, and stated that according to Marxism, crisis is inevitable. Crisis, he stated, is the period when production begins to fall and unemployment begins to increase.

T-2 advised on June 12, 1958, that the third session of the New York State CP Training School had been held on June 10, 1958, at 98 2nd Avenue, New York City. The informant advised that MYER WEISE discussed economic crises.

## 2. Faculty of Social Science (FSS)

T-3 advised on October 1, 1957, that MAX WEISS, on that date, stated that MYER WEISE was to instruct a course on "The Economic Cycle in the United States, Boom or Bust" in eight lessons. This was one of the courses announced for the FSS.

On April 4, 1957, T-1 advised that MAX WEISS was elected a member of the New York State CP Committee at the New York State CP Convention held on March 30, 31, 1957.

T-4 furnished a leaflet on October 31, 1957, which announced ten new classes in Marxist Theory and its application, which were scheduled to commence on October 28, 1957, and to continue through December, 1957. One of the courses reflected on this leaflet was "Boom or Bust in the United States Economy: MYER WEISE". The informant further advised that the leaflet was similar to those distributed by the National Office of the CP, USA.

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T-5 furnished information on November 13, 1957, which reflected that a course entitled, "Boom and Bust in the United States Economy" would be taught by MYER WEISE at Academy Hall, New York City. This information was reflected on a mimeographed sheet which was obtained from CP, USA Headquarters on November 11, 1957.

T-6 furnished a three page mimeographed schedule, for the Sunday Evening Forum and related weekday classes of the FSS, on December 31, 1957. The following was reflected in this schedule:

Wednesday's - "How the Capitalist Economy Functions" (6:30 - 8:00 pm.) (January; 22, 29; February 5, 12, 19, 26, 1958) Instructor - MYER WEISE

"Boom and Bust in the United States Economy" (8:30 - 10:00 p.m.) Instructor - MYER WEISE

It was further reflected that all classes and lectures were to be held at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City.

On March 6, 1958, T-5 furnished copies of a two page mimeographed "Schedule of Classes and Forums on Marxist Theory Today - Spring Term of March - April, 1958, Adelphi Hall, 74 5th Avenue". It was reflected that MYER WEISE was one of the instructors of the courses. According to the informant, these copies were obtained at CP, USA Headquarters on March 3, 1958.

T-30, on September 5, 1958, furnished a copy of the fall term schedule of classes to be held from October 6, 1958, to November 21, 1958. The schedule reflected that the School, called, "The Faculty of Social Science" is located in Room 227, 80 East 11th Street, New York City. There were twenty-five classes listed on this schedule, with MYER WEISE reflected as one of the instructors.

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Class Held on  
October 30, 1957

T-7 advised on November 8, 1957, that the first session of the course "Boom and Bust in the United States Economy" was given by MYER WEISE on October 30, 1957, in Room 16G, Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City. According to the informant, the lecture consisted of an outline on six other lectures to come which would dwell on all the depression and prosperity periods, the Marxist application and prediction of what to expect economically in years to come in a capitalistic country.

T-8, T-9, and T-10 advised on November 12 and 6, 1957, that MYER WEISE instructed the first class of "Boom and Bust" at Academy Hall, New York City, on October 30, 1957. Information concerning the subject matter discussed at this class was similar to that set out above as furnished by T-7.

Class Held on  
November 6, 1957

T-7 advised on November 8, 1957, that the second session in the series of Marxist theory and its application entitled, "Boom and Bust in the United States Economy" was held on November 6, 1957, in Room 16G, Academy Hall, New York City. The subject conducted this class and discussed the pattern of the thirteen depressions beginning with the depression of 1819, however he dwelt most of the period on the 1929 depression and its affect on the people.

T-8 and T-9 advised on November 12 and 13, 1957, respectively, that MYER WEISE conducted a second class on "Boom and Bust in the United States Economy" at Academy Hall, on November 6, 1957. These informants furnished similar information to that furnished by T-7.

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Class Held on  
November 13, 1957

T-7, T-8, and T-9 advised on November 18, 1957, December 3, 1957, and November 19, 1957, respectively, that the third session of a series of lectures by MYER WEISE entitled, "Boom and Bust in the United States Economy" was held in Room 16G, Academy Hall, New York City, on November 13, 1957.

Class Held on  
November 20, 1957

T-7 advised on November 26, 1957, that the fourth session of a series of lectures by MYER WEISE on "Boom and Bust in the United States Economy" was held at Academy Hall, New York City, on November 20, 1957. The lecture covered the start of capitalism in the 16th century, the manufacturing stage, the Industrial Revolution, the genius Marx, who at the age of 25 discovered something special about the workers.

T-8 and T-9 advised on December 3, 1957, and November 21, 1957, respectively, that MYER WEISE lectured on "Boom and Bust in the United States Economy" at Academy Hall, New York City, on November 20, 1957.

Class Held on  
November 27, 1957

T-8 advised on December 3, 1957, that MYER WEISE lectured on "Boom and Bust in the United States Economy" at Academy Hall, New York City, on November 27, 1957. During the course of his lecture, he stated "Just as some people believe that a peaceful transition can occur, alluding to the fact that the only way to change the government from Capitalism to Communism is by force".

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Class Held on  
December 4, 1957

T-7 and T-8 advised on December 9 and 10, 1957, respectively, that the sixth session of the series of seven lectures by MYER WEISE entitled, "Boom and Bust in the United States Economy" was held on December 4, 1957, in Room 16G, Academy Hall, New York City.

Class Held on  
December 11, 1957

T-8 advised on December 26, 1957, that MYER WEISE conducted a class on "Boom and Bust in the United States Economy" at Academy Hall, New York City, on December 11, 1957. The subject matter of the lecture was the topic of why and how depressions occur; he summed up all previous lectures and concluded that the capitalistic system must fail, but he did not say what system would be better.

Class Held on  
January 22, 1958

T-7 advised on January 27, 1958, that MYER WEISE presented a first lecture of a series "Economics of Capitalism" on January 22, 1958, at Adelphi Hall, New York City. This class was scheduled to be held on January 22, 29, and February 5, 12, 19 and 26, 1958, at Adelphi Hall. According to the informant, the course was described as fundamentals of Marxist Political Economy, with emphasis on historical and current American materials; background for such questions as improvishment, inevitability of crises, and "People's Capitalism".

T-8 advised on January 27, 1958, that MYER WEISE in his class on "Economics of Capitalism" held at Adelphi Hall, New York City, on January 22, 1958, lectured on the main characteristics of capitalism, the profit motive, and he then gave Utopian view of Communism.



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T-9, T-11, T-13 and T-14 advised on February 3, 1958, January 24, 1958, and January 28, 1958, respectively, that MYER WEISE delivered the above-mentioned lecture on January 22, 1958, at Adelphi Hall, New York City.

Discussion Held on  
January 24, 1958

T-12 furnished a leaflet on January 13, 1958, which was passed out at a meeting of the Hunts Point-Tremont Boulevard Section held on January 9, 1958, in Bronx, New York. It was reflected on this leaflet that "a new series of Marxist discussions and reviews" would be held on Friday's and would be titled, "Review of the Week", a weekly analysis of current events on the basis of a Marxist viewpoint. It was further reflected that on January 24, 1958, MYER WEISE would discuss "The Economic Outlook", the economic report of the President and the annual economic forecasts by the Times, Tribune, Business and economic journals. He was to discuss how they deal with the question of crisis.

T-16 advised on January 31, 1958, that the subject lectured on "The Economic Outbok" at the above-mentioned "Review of the Week" held on January 24, 1958, at Adelphi Hall, New York City.

T-17 advised on January 29, 1958, that MYER WEISE lectured at Adelphi Hall, New York City, on January 24, 1958, in his discussion of "Review of the Week". The subject stated that he had been born in Russia, but never heard of the Marxist Theory until the 1930's when taught by someone in this country. He added that he spoke on street corners during the 1930's. The subject's class was based on facts and figures concerning the condition of the country today. He explained why so many people were not unemployed today as compared with the 1929 crisis.

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T-18 advised on February 10, 1958, that the subject acted as speaker and chairman at the Marxist "Review of the Week", held at Adelphi Hall, New York City, on January 24, 1958. According to T-18, the review began at 8:15 p.m. and lasted until 10:15 p.m.

Class Held on  
January 29, 1958

T-7 advised on February 3, 1958, that MYER WEISE gave the second lecture in a series entitled, "Economics of Capitalism" in Room 9A, Adelphi Hall, on January 29, 1958. The lecture covered the struggle of a backward country rising to fulfill Lenin's promise that Soviet Russia, within a short time, would become industrialized and then electrify the world, that now it was only slightly behind the United States in production.

T-11, T-13 and T-15 advised on January 30, 1958, February 6, 1958, and February 3, 1958, respectively, that WEISE conducted his class entitled, "Economics of Capitalism" at Adelphi Hall, New York City, on January 29, 1958. T-15 added that the subject matter began, viewing from the socialists side, the difference between Socialism and Capitalism, with the primary difference between the systems being the factor of profit, which Capitalism has and Socialism has not.

Class Held on  
February 5, 1958

T-7 advised on February 11, 1958, that MYER WEISE delivered his third lecture, in a series of six, "Economics of Capitalism" at Adelphi Hall, New York City, on February 5, 1958. The lecture touched on definitions of production, terminology under the Marx system versus capitalist system.

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T-11, T-13 and T-15 also advised on February 11, 12 and 10, 1958, that the subject instructed a class on "Economics of Capitalism" at Adelphi Hall, New York City, on February 5, 1958.

Class Held on  
February 19, 1958

T-7, T-11, and T-15 advised on February 24, 22 and 25, 1958, respectively, that MYER WEISE conducted the fourth lecture of a series on "Economics of Capitalism" at Adelphi Hall, New York City, on February 19, 1958. T-7 advised that WEISE discussed the characteristics of the term commodity, production and exchange value.

T-11 advised the subject in the above-mentioned lecture discussed how the capitalist exploits the worker. At one point of the lecture WEISE referred to a scientific phenomena that there was an electrical current in the atmosphere which could be tapped for an inexhaustible supply of power, and he stated that the Soviets intended to make use of this, so that "all the peace loving tanks of the brotherly Red Army could be run free, without fuel necessity."

Class Held on  
February 26, 1958

"The Worker" dated February 23, 1958, page 15, reflected that MYER WEISE, on February 26, 1958, would discuss Lenin's "State and Revolution" at Adelphi Hall, 74 5th Avenue, New York City. It was reflected further that this was the second of a new series of lectures on "Lenin for Today", in which major works were to be analyzed for their basic ideas and present relevance.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

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T-7, T-13 and T-15 advised on March 3, 1958, March 17, 1958, and March 3, 1958, respectively, that the subject conducted the fifth lecture of a series of six lectures on "Economics of Capitalism" at Adelphi Hall, New York City, on February 26, 1958. T-7 advised further that at the conclusion of his class, WEISE stayed behind to prepare for a lecture which he was to deliver later that evening on LENIN's "State and Revolution".

Class Held on  
March 5, 1958

T-7, T-13 and T-15 advised on March 7, 17 and 30, 1958, respectively, that MYER WEISE gave the last lecture of a series of six on "Economics of Capitalism", on March 5, 1958, at Adelphi Hall, New York City. According to T-7, lecture was a continuation of the labor theory of value, though the instructor stated that he regretted that he had insufficient time to conclude the subject.

Class Held on  
March 17, 1958

T-19 advised on March 18, 1958, that MYER WEISE conducted a class on Marxist Theory entitled, "What is Economic Crisis" on March 17, 1958, in Room 11H, Adelphi Hall, New York City.

Class Held on  
March 24, 1958

T-19 advised on March 25, 1958, that MYER WEISS conducted a class in Marxist Theory held on March 24, 1958, at Adelphi Hall, New York City. The subject of the discussion was "One Hundred Years of Capitalist Crisis - How Many? - How Deep? - How Long?".

Class Held on  
March 31, 1958

T-19 advised on April 2, 1958, that a class in Marxist Theory was held on March 31, 1958, conducted by the subject at Adelphi Hall, New York City. WEISE discussed

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the cycle of depressions which have occurred in the United States since 1819.

Class Held on  
April 7, 1958

T-19 advised on April 9, 1958, that a class on Marxist Theory was held at Adelphi Hall, New York City, on April 7, 1958, with MYER WEISE as the instructor.

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Class Held on  
April 14, 1958

T-19 advised on April 21, 1958, that a class on Marxist theory was held at Adelphi Hall, New York City, on April 14, 1958. The course was entitled, "Theory of Economic Crisis" and was conducted by MYER WEISE.

Class Held on  
April 21, 1958

T-20 advised on April 22, 1958, that on April 21, 1958, the "West Side Forum" met at the True Sisters Clubhouse. The informant advised that this forum was organized and sponsored by the West Side Section of the New York County CP.

MYER WEISE, who was introduced as a "well known Marxist and teacher, a man of high qualities, and creative talents," addressed this group. The subject of WEISE'S talk was recession and economic crisis and it criticized the government and their approach to recession.

During a question and answer period which followed his talk, WEISE made the statement "the capitalist countries always profit by war, but the Korean War did not change our economic situation and from small wars can develop big wars, and if we started a war we know that it would be the end. Russia has warned us already."

WEISE made another statement which referred to our present economic situation in that it could only be overcome if we had socialism.

Class Held on  
April 22, 1958

T-7 advised on April 24, 1958, that MYER WEISE conducted a class on "The Marxist Theory of Economic Crisis" on April 22, 1958, at Room 11K, Adelphi Hall, New York City.

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Fund for Social Analysis

T-21 advised on January 3, 1958, that a representative of the "Fund for Social Analysis" had reserved Room 10G, Adelphi Hall, New York City, for the evening of January 9, 1958.

T-22 advised on January 9, 1958, that it was suggested at the meeting which took place in Room 10G, Adelphi Hall, New York City, on January 9, 1958, that MYER WEISE act as Administrative Treasurer of the above organization. WEISE was then one of these elected as an officer to the "Fund for Social Analysis."

T-23 advised on January 6, 1958, that a meeting of the Fund for Social Studies was held in the office of ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN on the same date. Although the informant could not establish whether the subject was or was not present, it was determined that MYER WEISE was selected as the Administrator Treasurer of this group.

T-23 advised on February 3, 1958, that on that date MYER WEISE attended a meeting of the Fund for Social Analysis held at the office of ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN.

T-21 advised on March 18, 1958, that the subject had reserved Room 10G, Adelphi Hall, New York City, for a meeting of the Fund for Social Analysis scheduled for April 16, 1958.

T-23 advised on April 9, 1958, that a meeting of the Fund for Social Analysis was held in the office of ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN on that date. MYER WEISE was one of those who attended the meeting.

T-21 advised on May 13, 1958, that MYER WEISE, 347 Madison Avenue, New York City, had scheduled a meeting of the Fund for Social Analysis in Room 11G, Adelphi Hall, New York City, for May 28, 1958.

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May Day Celebration

T-9 advised on May 6, 1958, that he observed MYER WEISE at the May Day celebration held on May 1, 1958, at Carnegie Hall, New York City.

2. Miscellaneous CP Information

T-23 advised on April 25, 1958, that ABNER BERRY indicated in a conversation with ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN held on the same date that he, BERRY, had known MYER WEISE in the CP. NEEDLEMAN, however, pointed out to BERRY that WEISE was no longer in the CP.

T-24 advised on November 30, 1956, that ABNER BERRY, as of that date, was the Negro Affairs Editor of the "Daily Worker," and as a member of the Editorial Board of the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker." The informant described BERRY as a member of the CP, since, if he were not, he could not qualify for employment on the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker."

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

During 1957 and 1958, T-25 and T-23 furnished the following information concerning ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN:

NEEDLEMAN is a practicing attorney in New York City. He was formerly employed by the Amtorg Trading Corporation, the registered Russian trade agency in the United States, in a legal capacity, and he continues to represent this agency from time to time. NEEDLEMAN has represented current and former members of the CP before Congressional Committees, and in the courts; and has served as a custodian of CP funds. He has described himself as favoring strict adherence to Marxist-Leninist doctrines, and has actively participated in the solicitation of a fund to promote Marxist study and research.



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During March, 1958, T-26 advised that NEEDLEMAN has acted as a Soviet espionage agent.

T-27 advised on May 9, 1958, that VICTOR PERLO stated that on that date MYER WEISE, who used to work with him and at that time was in competition with him, no longer was with the Garment Section, but was as of that time close to a certain group of Marxists and economists connected with Wahl Street. PERLO characterized WEISE as an extremely doctrinaire type of left winger.

T-28 advised on October 16, 1956, that VICTOR PERLO, according to a CP functionary, had been Head of the CP Economic Committee for at least a year as of that date. The informant stated that the purpose of the committee was to assemble and study all current economic material and data and submit to the CP leadership periodic memoranda and documents containing an interpretation of this economic information. The information supposedly oriented and assisted the national leadership in determining its policies and tactics in accordance with what was considered factual, authoritative, and current economic data.

T-28 also stated that the CP had encountered some difficulty with PERLO with respect to his performance on this committee in that PERLO had been altering his facts and figures to fit Party policy.

### III. MISCELLANEOUS

#### Bureau of Special Services Record Check

The records of the Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, reviewed in August, 1958, failed to reflect any record for the subject.

#### Informant Contact

T-2, T-5, and other informants, familiar with some phases of Communist activity in the New York City area, were contacted in August and September, 1958, and they advised that they could either furnish no additional or no information concerning activities of the subject.

APPENDIX

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

On September 11, 1957, a confidential source advised that Max Weiss had stated the Communist Party in New York State would set up a Marxist institute which will teach a "US" version of Marxism. This institute would be intended primarily for young people and will also be available to "people who can't come into the Party and to the fringe groups." The informant stated that Weiss had advised that he (Weiss) would be in charge of this institute and in the organization of it. The informant stated that Weiss had stated that the program of this institute would be "important and well thought out."

On October 1, 1957, another confidential source advised that Weiss also stated that efforts were being made to re-establish an education system and to reorganize a central school. According to the source, an announcement was to be made that a faculty of social science was being formed to give a series of classes in rooms at Academy Hall. The source stated that Weiss was of the opinion that no attempt to organize a formal school should be made.

On October 2, 1957, another confidential source advised that on October 1, 1957, Harold Collins had reserved rooms at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City, for meetings of the "Faculty of Social Science" from October 21, 1957, to December 19, 1957.

On August 14, 1958, another confidential source advised that the classes began in October, 1957, at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City. With the beginning of the second series of classes in January, 1958, the classes were held at Adelphia Hall, 74 5th Avenue, New York City. These classes have also included the Sunday evening Forums, all of which have been administered by Harold Collins. The classes have always been referred to by the various instructors as "the school" or as "classes on Marxist theory" and no formal name has ever been applied to the school.

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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE (Cont'd)

On August 13, 1958, another confidential informant advised that the Faculty of Social Science had leased space, at 799 Broadway, New York City, from August 1, 1958, to July 31, 1959, to be used as an office and classrooms.

The "Daily Worker" for April 5, 1956, p.4, column 1, refers to Max Weiss as "National Educational Director, Communist Party."

On February 4, 1958, another confidential source advised that Harold Collins attended a meeting of the Educational Committee of the New York State Communist Party, which meeting took place that date at Communist Party headquarters, 23 W. 26th Street, New York City.

APPENDIX

THE FUND FOR SOCIAL ANALYSIS,  
formerly known as Foundation for  
Marxist Studies, also known as  
Fund for Social Studies

A confidential informant advised in November, 1957, that, according to individuals closely associated with the group, the "Fund for Social Studies," formerly known as the "Foundation for Marxist Studies" was established in New York City in November, 1957.

Another confidential informant advised on February 4, 1958, that the organization, now known as "The Fund for Social Analysis" had the following officers: HARRY MAGDOFF, President; IRVING KAPLAN, Treasurer; and ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN, Secretary. This information may not be made public without the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The March 24, 1958, issue of the "National Guardian," page 7, includes an article captioned: "The Fund for Social Analysis" which reflects the following:

"The Fund's policy statement...said: 'Under the recent pressures for social conformity, research on problems opened up by Marxist theory has dwindled to a particularly low level, (retarding) the socialist and labor movements in our country.... The Fund (hopes) to correct this situation by providing grants-in-aid for research and publication to social scientists analyzing or applying Marxist hypotheses.'

"...Grants ranging from \$500.00 to \$3,000.00--more under special circumstances--will be made by a Committee on Awards.

"...Applications should be addressed to: The Corresponding Secretary, The Fund for Social Analysis, Room 2800, 165 Broadway, New York."

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THE FUND FOR SOCIAL ANALYSIS (CONT'D)

In July, 1948, ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, a confessed former espionage agent, testified before the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, that IRVING KAPLAN and HARRY MAGDOFF were members of a Soviet espionage group that was headed by VICTOR PERLO and was active in Washington, D.C. in the early 1940's.

A confidential informant advised on October 10, 1945, that ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN taught a class on Marxism at the Thomas Jefferson Club, Communist Party.

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APPENDIX

UNITED MAY DAY COMMITTEE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to supersede Guide published on May 14, 1951, contains the following concerning the United May Day Committee:

- "1. Cited as subversive and among the affiliates and committees of the Communist Party, U. S. A., which seeks 'to alter the form of government of the United States by unconstitutional means.' (Attorney General Tom Clark, letter to Loyalty Review Board, released December 4, 1947.)
- "2. Found to be a 'Communist-front organization' and ordered to register as such with the Attorney General of the United States. (Subversive Activities Control Board, Decision of April 27, 1956.)"

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-293323)

DATE: 10/27/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-54098)

SUBJECT: MYER WEISE, was.  
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Enclosed herewith are the original and three copies of the report of SA JOSEPH R. CORCORAN, New York, and the original and three copies of a letterhead memorandum evaluating informants, both dated and captioned as above.

REFERENCE

Report of SA WARREN G. JOHNSON, 10/10/57, New York.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The pretext telephone call to the subject's employment was conducted on 10/6/58, by SA FRANCIS E. MURPHY who asked to speak to the subject. Since the subject was not in his office at the time of the call it was not necessary to utilize a pretext.

The 1. INFORMANTS

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T-2 [redacted]	Negative ✓	8/27/58	SA FRANCIS E. MURPHY	Instant Report [redacted]
T-3 [redacted]	FOIA(b)(7) - (D) ✓			100-54098- 344
T-4 [redacted]	✓			CG 100-33739- 1A(6)
T-5 [redacted]	11/11/57 <sup>57</sup> <i>7 Sept. 1957</i> 11/11/58 <i>pg. 4 1st para.</i>			100-133594- 1A13
	3/3/58 ✓			100-54098- 399
	Negative ✓	8/26/58	SA JOHN A. HAAG	Instant Report
T-6 [redacted]	✓			[redacted]
T-7 [redacted]	10/30/57 ✓ 11/6/57 ✓ 11/13/57 ✓			[redacted]



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T-10 [REDACTED]				
T-11 [REDACTED]	1/22/58 ✓ 1/29/58 ✓ 2/5/58 ✓ 2/19/58 ✓			[REDACTED] 100-54098-365
T-12 [REDACTED]	✓			

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T-14 [REDACTED]				
T-15 [REDACTED]	1/29/58 ✓			
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T-16 [REDACTED]				
T-17 [REDACTED]				

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T-18 [REDACTED]				
T-19 [REDACTED]	3/17/58 ✓			
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	4/14/58 ✓			
T-20 [REDACTED]	4/21/58 ✓			
T-21 [REDACTED]	1/9/58 ✓			100-54098-373
	4/16/58 ✓			100-54098-413
	5/28/58 ✓			100-54098-431
T-22 [REDACTED]				100-133775- Sub A-1

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T-23 [REDACTED]	1/6/58 ✓			100-54098-390
	2/3/58 ✓			100-54098-395
	4/9/58 ✓			100-54098-423
	4/25/58 ✓			100-54098-432
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T-24 [REDACTED]	Used to document ABNER BERRY ✓			
T-25 [REDACTED]	Used to document ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN ✓			
T-26 [REDACTED]	Used to document ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN ✓			
T-27 [REDACTED]	✓			105-6061- Sub 11
T-28 [REDACTED]	Used to document VICTOR PERLO ✓			
T-29 [REDACTED]	Not utilized ✕			100-54098-446
T-30 [REDACTED]	✓			100-133594- 1B12 (1)

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INFORMANTS (CONT'D)

The informants, not identified by T symbols reflected in the details of the enclosed report, are as follows:

INFORMANT

DATE CONTACTED

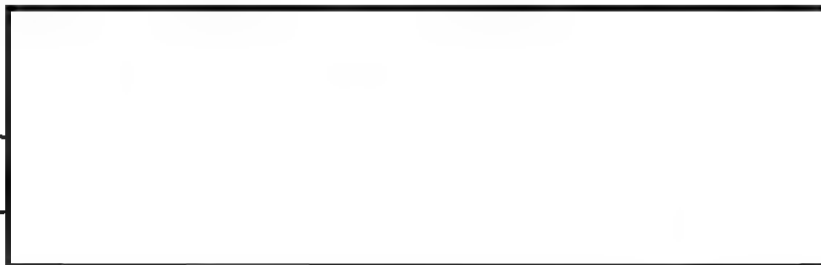
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SA FRANCIS E. MURPHY  
SA JOHN A. HAAG  
SA JAMES P. HALLERON

The informants used to document the Faculty of Social Science, reflected in the Appendix of the enclosed report, are as follows:



The informants used to document the Fund for Social Analysis, reflected in the Appendix of the enclosed report, are as follows:



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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ This report is classified ~~confidential~~ because (state reason)  

some of the information contained therein was furnished by informants, whose identities could be disclosed should this information come to the attention of unauthorized sources; the disclosure of these identities could hamper investigation of Communist activities in NYC; thus endanger security of the US.
8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)  

the subject is currently an instructor at the Faculty of Social Science and should an attempt be made to interview him, it could possibly cause some embarrassment to the Bureau.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

the subject is an instructor at the Faculty of Social Science, which adheres to Marxist teachings and is endorsed by the CP, USA; was a discussion panelist and teacher at the Jefferson School of Social Science, 1956.



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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New York, New York  
October 27, 1958

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Re: Myer Weise, with aliases  
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Joseph R. Corcoran, dated and captioned as above.

All symbolized informants with the exception of T-17 and T-21 have furnished reliable information in the past. T-17 and T-21 were in a position to furnish reliable information.

All unsymbolized informants with the exception of three sources utilized to document the Faculty of Social Science and the Fund for Social Analysis have furnished reliable information in the past. The three informants utilized in documenting the aforementioned organizations were in a position to furnish reliable information.

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ENCLOSURE



Date **Nov. 6, 1958**

To  
☒ Director

Bu file **100-293323**  
NY FILE # **100-54098**

Att. ....

☐ SAC ..... Title **MYER WEISE**  
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In reply to Form 0-17, pertaining to questioned date reflected in report and cover letter on captioned subject, submitted on 10/27/58 by SA JOSEPH R. CORCORAN, NY. The date, 11/11/57, as it appears in report is correct, while the date on the cover letter, under T-5, should be 11/11/57 rather than 11/11/58. NY copies corrected. SAC

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Office **New York**

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>6/16/59</b>	Investigative Period <b>6/3 - 6/9/59</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>MYER WEISE, aka.</b>  <i>RAB</i>		Report made by <b>ROBERT M. JUDAY</b>	Typed By: <b>mbb</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>  <i>listed 5/21/59</i>	

## REFERENCE

Report of SA JOSEPH R. CORCORAN, 10/27/58,  
at New York.  
Bureau airtel dated 6/1/59.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

The pretext telephone call to the subject's residence was made by SA ROBERT M. JUDAY. No specific pretext was used, the agent merely asked for the subject.

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By referenced airtel, the Bureau directed New York to prepare a report on the subject expeditiously since he is reportedly to appear before the HCUA regarding Communist training schools. New York will keep the Bureau advised of all developments along this line coming to its attention.

INFORMANTS

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NY T-5				100-33739-1A15
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NY T-15

NY T-16

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Informants used to document the FSS are:



Informants used to document the FSA are:



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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ This report is classified confidential because (state reason) it contains information from valuable live informants and investigative techniques, which if disclosed, would be injurious to the National defense.
8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) he is currently an instructor at the Faculty of Social Science, a writer, and is to be called before the HCUA in the future. A contact with him could possibly be the source of some embarrassment to the Bureau.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) WEISE was a lecturer before a NY CP leadership school in June, 1958 (report of SA JOSEPH R. CORCORAN, 10/27/58, NY) and he continues to be an instructor at the FSS, NYC (report of SA ROBERT M. JUDAY, 6/ /59, NY).
11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☒ is not tabbed Detcom.  
☒ His activities ☐ do ☒ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

## Copy to:

## Report of:

SA ROBERT M. JUDAY  
Date: 6/16/59

Office: New York

## File Number:

Bureau 100-293323  
New York 100-54098

## Title:

MYER WEISE

## Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

## Synopsis:

Subject resides 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing, Queens, New York, and is employed at offices of LEO PRAEGER, 347 Madison Avenue, New York, New York. WEISE reported as lecturer at FSSvvarious periods from October, 1958 to April, 1959. WEISE on mailing list and affiliated with FSA in early 1959. WEISE in contact with ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN, late 1958 and early 1959.

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DETAILS:

RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

On June 5, 1959, through a pretext telephone call to Jamaica 6-2437, the telephone number listing of the subject, by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it was determined that the subject continues to reside at 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing, Queens, New York, and is employed at the offices of LEO PRAEGER, 374 Madison Avenue, New York, New York.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY  
INDICATING COMMUNIST  
SYMPATHY

Faculty of Social Science (FSS)

(Regarding the FSS see Appendix.)

New York T-1 furnished information on October, 1, 1958, which reflected that the FSS listed MYER WEISE as one of the outstanding lecturers at its school.

On November 13, 1958, New York T-2 furnished a mimeographed copy of a schedule of the FSS, 80 East 11th Street, New York City, regarding inter-session classes. On Wednesdays, December 3, 10, and 17, 1958, MYER WEISE was listed as lecturer regarding Marx's Capital - Volume I, 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.



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New York T-3 on December 12, 1958, and December 22, 1958, advised that the subject was the instructor of a class at the FSS, the title of which was The New Capitalism, on December 3 and 17, 1958.

On December 16, 1958, New York T-4, on December 29, 1958, New York T-5, and on January 23, 1959, New York T-6 furnished schedules of the FSS winter term January 19, 1959 to March 6, 1959, which listed MYER WEISE as the instructor of a class, the title of which was Boom and Bust, on Tuesday evening, from 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. This class was listed as a study of the economic condition of the United States.

New York T-7 reported on March 12, 1959, that MYER WEISE was the instructor of a class at the JSS which was titled Boom and Bust.

On March 5, 1959, New York T-8 made available a schedule of the inter-session classes of the FSS, March 16, 1959, to April 2, 1959, on which MYER WEISE was listed as a lecturer at a class on Wednesdays, March 18, 25, and April 1, 1959, at 6:45 p.m., titled The New Soviet Seven Year Plan.

New York T-9 made available on April 8, 1959, the spring term schedule for classes at FSS, 80 East 11th Street, New York, New York, to run from April 13, 1959 to May 29, 1959. MYER WEISS was listed as instructor for a class captioned New Theories on United States Capitalism to be held on Tuesday evenings, 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

New York T-7 reported on April 14, 1959, that the subject was instructor of a class at the FSS in March, 1959, regarding The New Soviet Seven Year Plan.

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"The Worker", in its issues of September 14, 1958, page ten, column one; October 5, 1958, page fifteen, columns four - five; November 9, 1958, page three, column two; December 21, 1958, page fifteen, column five; March 1, 1959, page thirteen columns one - two, and March 8, 1959, page fifteen, columns four - five carried articles or advertisements listing MYER WEISE as a teacher at the FSS.

"The Worker" is an East Coast weekly Communist newspaper.

Fund for Social Analysis (FSA)

(Regarding the FSA see Appendix).

New York T-10 furnished information on November 26, 1958, that MYER WEISE had failed to attend the November 25, 1958, meeting of the Finance Committee of the FSA.

New York T-11, on February 3, 1959, advised that MYER WEISE was on the mailing list of the FSA.

New York T-12 reported on March 3, 1959, that MYER WEISE had not been present at a meeting of the Finance Committee of the FSA which was held on that date.

On March 18, 1959, New York T-13 advised that M. WEISE, 347 Madison Avenue, New York City, telephone number MU 6-4845, made reservations for a meeting room for March 25, 1959, at the Adelphi Hall,

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74 Fifth Avenue, New York City, for an organization called the FSA.

Also, on May 12, 1959, New York T-13 advised that the same individual made a reservation for the same organization for a meeting room at Adelphi Hall for May 21, 1959.

Miscellaneous

New York T-14 furnished information on November 9, 1958, that DAVID SALES was considering contacting MYER WEISE of the FSS to have him prepare an article for "Comet" on the economic situation.

Regarding DAVID SALES, it is noted that New York T-16 advised on March 30, 1959, that as of that date SALES was the Chairman of the Queens County Communist Party.

It is noted that "Comet" describes itself as a monthly publication issued by the Queens County Committee of the Communist Party.

On November 18 and 24, 1959, New York T-10 advised that ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN was in contact in November, 1958, with the subject regarding an investment. Also, in January, 1959, New York T-11 advised that NEEDLEMAN was again in contact with MYER WEISE regarding an investment.

During 1957 and 1958, New York T-10 and New York T-11 furnished the following information concerning ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN:

NEEDLEMAN is a practicing attorney in New York City. He was formerly employed by the AMTORG

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TRADING CORPORATION, the registered Russian trade agency in the United States, in a legal capacity, and he continues to represent this agency from time to time. NEEDLEMAN has represented current and former members of the Communist Party before Congressional Committees, and in the courts, and has served as a custodian of Communist Party funds. He has described himself as favoring strict adherence to Marxist-Leninist doctrines, and has actively participated in the solicitation of a fund to promote Marxist study and research.

During March, 1958, New York T-15 advised that NEEDLEMAN has acted as a Soviet espionage agent.

On April 25, 1959, New York T-12 advised that NEEDLEMAN was in contact on that date with the subject.

APPENDIX

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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

On September 11, 1957, a confidential source advised that MAX WEISS had stated the Communist Party (CP) in New York State would set up a Marxist institute which will teach a "US" version of Marxism. This institute would be intended primarily for young people and will also be available to "People who can't come into the Party and the fringe groups." The informant stated that WEISS had advised that he (WEISS) would be in charge of this institute and in the organization of it. The informant stated that WEISS had stated that the program of this institute would be "important and well thought out."

On August 14, 1958, another confidential source advised that the classes began in October, 1957, at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City. With the beginning of the second series of classes in January, 1958, the classes were held at Adelphi Hall, 74 5th Avenue, New York City. These classes have also included the Sunday Evening Forums, all of which have been administrated by HAROLD COLLINS. The classes have always been referred to by the various instructors as "the School" or as "classes on Marxist theory" and no formal name has ever been applied to the school.

The schedule of classes for the 1958 Fall Term listed the school as Faculty of Social Science, 80 East 11th Street, New York City, with HERBERT APTHEKER as its Director.

HERBERT APTHEKER testified on July 14, 1954, in the case US versus KUZMA, ET AL (Smith Act), United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He testified that he was, at that time, a member of the CP and that he had been a member of the CP since 1939. He also testified that he had never been an officer in the CP, however, he had offered his services as a CP teacher. He testified further that he had taught classes in American History and theory of Marxism-Leninism under CP auspices, and that all his writings since 1939 or 1940 had been consciously guided by what he thought was "light of Marxism-Leninism."

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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE CONT'D

On June 16, 1958, another confidential source advised that HAROLD COLLINS was acting in an educational capacity in the New York State CP and as an instructor at a CP cadre training school.

The "DAILY WORKER" for April 5, 1956, pg. 4 column 1, refers to MAX WEISS as "National Educational Director, Communist Party."

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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THE FUND FOR SOCIAL ANALYSIS,  
formerly known as Foundation for  
Marxist Studies, also known as  
Fund for Social Studies

A confidential informant advised in November, 1957, that, according to individuals closely associated with the group, the "Fund for Social Studies," formerly known as the "Foundation for Marxist Studies" was established in New York City in November, 1957.

Another confidential informant advised on February 4, 1958, that the organization, now known as "The Fund for Social Analysis" had the following officers: HARRY MAGDOFF, President; IRVING KAPLAN, Treasurer; and ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN, Secretary. This information may not be made public without the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

The March 24, 1958, issue of the "National Guardian," page 7, includes an article captioned: "The Fund for Social Analysis" which reflects the following:

"The Fund's policy statement...said: 'Under the recent pressures for social conformity, research on problems opened up by Marxist theory has dwindled to a particularly low level, (retarding) the socialist and labor movements in our country.... The Fund (hopes) to correct this situation by providing grants-in-aid for research and publication to social scientists analyzing or applying Marxist hypotheses.'

"...Grants ranging from \$500.00 to \$3,000.00--more under special circumstances--will be made by a Committee on Awards.

"...Applications should be addressed to: The Corresponding Secretary, The Fund for Social Analysis, Room 2800, 165 Broadway, New York."

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THE FUND FOR SOCIAL ANALYSIS (CONT'D)

In July, 1948, ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, a confessed former espionage agent, testified before the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, that IRVING KAPLAN and HARRY MAGDOFF were members of a Soviet espionage group that was headed by VICTOR FERLO and was active in Washington, D.C. in the early 1940's.

A confidential informant advised on October 10, 1945, that ANNETTE RUBINSTEIN taught a class on Marxism at the Thomas Jefferson Club, Communist Party.

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**United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New York, New York  
June 16, 1959**

NY 100-54098

**Re: Myer Weise**

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Robert M. Juday, dated and captioned as above, at New York.

All informants mentioned in referenced report have furnished reliable information in the past, *except NY T-1* who has furnished both reliable and unreliable information in the past.

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SAC, New York

July 28, 1959

Director, FBI (61-7582)

**COMMUNIST TRAINING OPERATIONS  
HEARING BEFORE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
PUBLIC SESSION  
July 21, 1959**

Attached is a Photostat of a transcript of a hearing before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) on July 21, 1959, the purpose of which, as stated by Chairman Walter, was to look into the activities of individual communists who were engaged in teaching in noncommunist institutions as well as in all types of forums and schools operated by the Communist Party itself. Chairman Walter noted that after the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB) had ordered the Jefferson School of Social Science to register as a communist front organization on June 30, 1955, the Communist Party dissolved the Jefferson School and created a new school known as the Faculty of Social Science. Walter said the Faculty of Social Science is actually the successor to the Jefferson School of Social Science.

Following the testimony of friendly witness Frank S. Meyer, New York Security Index subjects Hyman Lumer, Irving Potash, Harold Collins and Meyer Weise appeared before the Committee in response to subpoenas. Lumer, Potash, Weise and Collins relied almost entirely on the various constitutional amendments in refusing to answer questions regarding their Communist Party membership and activities.

The attached transcript should be reviewed and pertinent data included in the next investigative reports prepared regarding Lumer, Potash, Weise and Collins. Any other action indicated as a result of the review of the attached transcript should also be taken by the New York Office.

Enclosure

1 - 100-46878 (Frank Meyer) 1 - 100-293323 (Meyer Weise)  
1 - 62-21381 (Potash) 1 - 100-235404 (Harold Collins)  
1 - 100-71811 (Lumer) 1 - 100-227027 (JSSS)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-293323)

DATE: 9/10/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-54098)

SUBJECT: MYER WEISE, aka  
SM-C

The testimony of MEYER WEISE before the HCUA, on 7/21/59, as furnished by Bureau letter dated 7/28/59, was reviewed and it was determined that it relates to the subject of this case file.

It is noted that he took the Fifth Amendment in reference to all questions regarding his subversive background and teaching at the Worker's School, Jefferson School of Social Science and the Faculty of Social Science. This information will be included in the next regular annual investigative report, no special report will be prepared.

It is noted also, that the subject took the Fifth Amendment when asked if he had been a member of the Communist Party when he took the oath to defend the United States at the time he was naturalized as a citizen of the United States in 1937.

In view of this, a Photostat of the testimony, which was public, is being furnished to INS, NYC, along with copies of reports not already in its possession for its information.

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**TO :** Director, FBI (100-293323)

**DATE:** 9/15/59

**FROM :** SAC, NEW YORK (100-54098)

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**SUBJECT:** MYER WEISE, aka  
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☐ It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows. (specify change only):

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Key Facility Data		
Geographical Reference Number		
Interested Agencies		
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-293323)  
 ATTENTION: SECURITY INFORMANT DESK

DATE: 9/29/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-54098)

SUBJECT: MYER WEISE, aka  
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ReBulet 9/8/59, captioned [redacted]  
 requesting corrective action as to the characterization of the informant.

The letterhead memorandum, describing the reliability of informants mentioned in the report of SA ROBERT M. JUDAY, dated 6/16/59, at NY, entitled "MYER WEISE", has accordingly been revised in ink to read as follows:

"All informants mentioned in referenced report have furnished reliable information in the past except NY T-1, who has furnished both reliable and unreliable information in the past."

INS, NYC, has been advised of the above revision.

The Bureau may desire to make similar revisions in its copies of the above memo.

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Assistant Attorney General  
J. Walter Yeagley  
Attention: Administrative Officer  
Room 2730  
Director, FBI

October 13, 1959

MYER WEISE  
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Robert M. Juday dated June 16, 1959, at New York, New York, and the evaluation memorandum of same date, both captioned as above.

The second paragraph of referenced memorandum states that the informants utilized in the report of Special Agent Juday have furnished reliable information in the past. This is to advise that T-1 has been recharacterized as an individual who has furnished both reliable and unreliable information in the past.

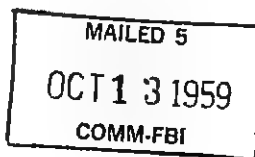
You may desire to make appropriate notations in your copy of the memorandum furnished with referenced report.

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Memo Baumgardner to Belmont 9-3-59 captioned [redacted] recommended and was approved that in those instances where [redacted] was characterized in communications as "reliable" or similar phraseology, he should be recharacterized as "who has furnished both reliable and unreliable information in the past." Referenced report was disseminated by Bureau to Records Administration Branch. Outside agencies have been notified, field files have been corrected, and Bufiles will be corrected by Consolidation Unit, Records Branch. Administrative action handled separately.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-293323)

DATE: 3/1/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-54098)

SUBJECT: MYER WEISE aka  
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FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Enclosed herewith are five copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth background, subversive activities, and other information relating to the subject, who is reportedly contemplating a trip to Cuba in the near future. This information is being furnished to the Bureau in the event they should wish to disseminate to logical sources.

On 1/27/60, [redacted] made available information reflecting that the subject had talked to GIBBY NEEDLEMAN on that date and told NEEDLEMAN of a trip that he and his wife planned to make to Cuba on "Sunday morning" via National Airlines. It is noted that the first Sunday after the date 1/27/60, was 1/30/60.

Investigation in New York disclosed that he was not scheduled to make the trip via National Airlines on 1/30/60 or 2/7/60.

Pretext telephone calls on 2/3/60, and 2/9/60 and a pretext interview of ESTHER WEISE indicate that the subject and his wife were still in New York on those dates. The New York Office will remain alert for information pertaining to the subject or his wife and the proposed trip to Cuba.

The pretext telephone call as mentioned taking place on 2/3/60, was made by SA ROBERT M. JUDAY, who stated that he had business dealings with MYER WEISE.

The pretext telephone call as mentioned taking place on 2/9/60, was made by SA ROBERT M. JUDAY to a switchboard operator at the subject's place of employment, who stated that the subject was out to lunch.

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1 - New York (100-54098)

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HOW FORW. *100-293323*  
BY *100-293323*

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The subject is presently on the SI of the NYO and a review of his case file reflects information sufficient to warrant his retention on same.

A suitable photograph of the subject is presently contained in the 1A portion of his file.

This document is being classified "Confidential" inasmuch as it contains information emanating from informants. The disclosure of this information would hinder the activities of these informants and thus be detrimental to the national defense of the United States.

The informants utilized to document the Faculty of Social Science (FSS) are:

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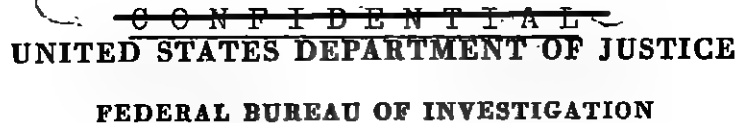
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FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identity of the source must be concealed.



New York, New York  
March 1, 1960

Re: Myer Weise

Myer Weise was born on April 9, 1910 in Bershad, Russia, entered the United States on October 4, 1929, and admitted to United States citizenship on August 12, 1937 in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York (SDNY). He is believed to have had no formal education. He is married to Esther Weise, who was born June 15, 1913, Kiev, Russia, and who was granted derivative United States citizenship on June 20, 1930, in the Supreme Court, Bronx, New York, under her father's citizenship. Meyer Weise presently resides at 141-02 79th Avenue, Queens, New York, with his wife and two sons. He is employed as an investment salesman at 347 Madison Avenue, New York, New York. In 1944 and 1945 Weise was employed by the United States Merchant Marine on the "SS Bernard Baker" as an assistant radio operator.

On February 1, 1954, NY T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Myer Weise was known to the informant as a Communist Party (CP) member from 1945 to 1952. The informant stated that Weise was a professor at the Jefferson School of Social Science (JSSS) and had urged the informant to attend the JSSS in order to get more advanced training on the theory and understanding of Marxism.

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HOW FORM *OK*  
BY *[Signature]*

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Re: Myer Weise

The Jefferson School of Social Science has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Catalogs of the JSSS lists Myer Weise as an instructor at the JSSS in "capital" political economy and a seminar on teaching Marxism" from April to June, 1947; the fall of 1947, spring of 1948; the fall of 1949; the winter of 1949; the spring, fall, and winter of 1950; the winter of 1951; and the spring, fall, and winter terms of 1952, 1953, 1954, and 1955.

On April 12, 1950, NY T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that at a class at the JSSS on April 7, 1950, Myer Weise stated that "he joined the Communist Party in 1932 and had been working in it ever since."

NY T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 6, 1958, that the first meeting of the New York County CP leadership "Cadre Training School" met in Room 18-K, Academy Hall, New York City, on June 3, 1958. The schedule for the training school was disclosed at this meeting and according to it a class on "Marxian Economy" was to be conducted by Myer Weise on June 10, 1958.

On April 8, 1959, NY T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available the spring term schedule for classes at the Faculty of Social Science (FSS), 80 East 11th Street, New York, New York, to run from April 13, 1959 to May 29, 1959. Myer Weise was listed as instructor for a class captioned "New Theories on United States Capitalism" to be held on Tuesday evenings 6:45 p. m. to 8:15 p. m.

Regarding the Faculty of Social Science (FSS) see appendix.

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Re: Myer Weise

Proposed Travel Abroad

On January 27, 1960, NY T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available information which reflected that Myer Weise had told Gibby Needleman on that date that he (Weise) was going to Cuba on Sunday morning via National Airlines and wished Needleman to give him the name of a person to contact. Gibby Needleman told him to contact Frank and Agnes Ibanez at ~~4-7856~~ 4-7856, Nuevo Vedado, Havana. Weise told Needleman that "he and Esther" had reservations at the Riviera.

*Cuba*  
Concerning Gibby Needleman, the following is noted: During 1957 and 1958, NY T-5 and NY T-6, who have furnished reliable information in the past, made available information which reflected that Isidore Gibby Needleman is a practicing attorney in New York City. He was formerly employed by the Amtorg Trading Corporation, the registered Russian trade agency in the United States, in a legal capacity and he continues to represent this agency from time to time. Needleman has represented current and former members of the Communist Party (CP) before congressional committees and in the courts and has served as custodian of the CP funds. He has described himself as favoring strict adherence to Marxist Leninist doctrines and has actively participated in the solicitation of a fund to promote Marxist study and research.

During March, 1958, NY T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Needleman has acted as a Soviet Espionage Agent.

Concerning Frank Ibanez, it is noted that on November 19, 1954, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), New York, New York, made available information reflecting that Ibanez, an alien,

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Re: Myer Weise

was apprehended by INS investigators on November 18, 1954, under a warrant of arrest charging membership in the Communist Party, USA (CP, USA) at the time of and after entering into the United States and was at that time detained without bond at Federal Detention Headquarters, 427 West Street, New York City.

On January 13, 1955, the records of INS, New York, New York, reflected that final orders of deportation had been rendered in the case of Frank Ibanez.

On February 7, 1956, Frank Ibanez departed voluntarily under order of deportation to Havana, Cuba.

On February 3, 1960, Miss E. DUNNING, Passenger Office, National Airlines, 110 East 46th Street, New York, New York, advised that neither Myer or Esther Weise had been scheduled for any flight of National Airlines to Cuba for Sunday, January 31, 1960 or February 7, 1960.

On February 3, 1960, a pretext telephone call was made by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to JA 6-2437 as registered to Myer Weise, 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing, Queens, New York. A person who identified herself as Esther Weise advised that her husband was at work and could be reached at the office.

On February 9, 1960, a pretext telephone call was made by a Special Agent of the FBI to MU 6-4845. An unidentified woman, who stated that she was the switchboard operator, advised that Myer Weise was at lunch and would be in the office at 1:00 p. m.

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Re: Myer Weise

Description

Name	Myer Weise also known as Meyer Weise, Meyer Weiss, Meyer Waisburd
Date of Birth	April 7, 1910
Place of Birth	Bershad, Russia
Race	White
Sex	Male
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black, thin in front
Height	5' 7" - 5' 8"
Weight	155 pounds
Features	Sharp nose
Characteristics	Neat dresser, slight accent
Social Security Number	120-01-5575
Marital Status	Married, wife Esther Weise
Fingerprint Classification	15 M 1 R 101 7 S 1 R 101

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Appendix

Re: Myer Weise

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

On September 11, 1957, a confidential source advised that MAX WEISS had stated the Communist Party (CP) in New York State would set up a Marxist institute which will teach a "US" version of Marxism. This institute would be intended primarily for young people and will also be available to "People who can't come into the Party and the fringe groups." The informant stated that WEISS had advised that he (WEISS) would be in charge of this institute and in the organization of it. The informant stated that WEISS had stated that the program of this institute would be "important and well thought out."

On August 14, 1958, another confidential source advised that the classes began in October, 1957, at Academy Hall, 853 Broadway, New York City. With the beginning of the second series of classes in January, 1958, the classes were held at Adelphi Hall, 74 5th Avenue, New York City. These classes have also included the Sunday Evening Forums, all of which have been administrated by HAROLD COLLINS. The classes have always been referred to by the various instructors as "the School" or as "classes on Marxist theory" and no formal name has ever been applied to the school.

The schedule of classes for the 1958 Fall Term listed the school as Faculty of Social Science, 80 East 11th Street, New York City, with HERBERT APTHEKER as its Director.

HERBERT APTHEKER testified on July 14, 1954, in the case US versus KUZMA, ET AL (Smith Act), United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He testified that he was, at that time, a member of the CP and that he had been a member of the CP since 1939. He also testified that he had never been an officer in the CP, however, he had offered his services as a CP teacher. He testified further that he had taught classes in American History and theory of Marxism-Leninism under CP auspices, and that all his writings since 1939 or 1940 had been consciously guided by what he thought was "light of Marxism-Leninism."

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Appendix

Re: Myer Weise

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE (CONT'D)

On June 16, 1958, another confidential source advised that HAROLD COLLINS was acting in an educational capacity in the New York State CP and as an instructor at a CP cadre training school.

The "Daily Worker" for April 5, 1956, pg. 4 column 1, refers to MAX WEISS as "National Educational Director, Communist Party."

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-293323)

DATE: 4/21/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-54098)

SUBJECT: MYER WEISE  
SM-C  
OO: NEW YORK

OIA(b)(7) - (D)

Re New York letter to Bureau, 3/1/60.

Enclosed herewith are five copies of a letterhead memorandum, setting forth information relating to the subjects proposed travel abroad. Also enclosed are five copies of an evaluation letter pertaining to the informant utilized. This information is being furnished to the Bureau in the event they wish to disseminate to logical sources.

The informant utilized in the enclosed letterhead memorandum is [REDACTED]

He was contacted on 3/30/60 by SA JOSEPH A. MARION JR., and the location of this information is this memorandum. [REDACTED] stated that he was well acquainted with the WEISE's and was aware of their presence at all times. [REDACTED] He also

stated that [REDACTED]

He is sure that if the WEISE's left this country for any period of time he would be informed and would immediately notify the FBI of this.

The New York Office will maintain contact with [REDACTED] in an effort to ascertain when and if the subject MYER WEISE and his wife leave this country for Cuba.

The subject is on the SI in the New York Office, a review of his case file reflects information to warrant his retention on same.

Careful consideration has been given to the source concealed and a T symbol utilized only in that instance where the identity of the source must be concealed.

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By [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New York, New York  
April 25, 1960

Re: Myer Weise  
Security Matter-C

Proposed Travel Abroad

On March 30, 1960, a confidential informant advised that Esther and Myer Weise continue to reside in apartment 3 J of 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing, Queens, New York. The informant stated that the Weise's have not left this country in the last few months and have not been absent from the New York area at all since December of 1959. The informant added that if the Weise's do leave New York, their absence would become known to the informant.

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How Forw. *AS*  
By *[Signature]*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New York, New York  
April 25, 1960

Re: Myer Weise  
Security Matter-C

The confidential informant utilized in the memorandum, as dated and captioned as above should be characterized as one who is in a position to furnish reliable information.

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Agency *2100 Hawaii, 100 State, 814*  
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Date Forw. *4-25-60*  
How Forw. *AS*  
By *W. J. Hall*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-293323  
100-334469)

DATE: April 25, 1960

FROM : Legat, Havana (100-525, 100-526)

SUBJECT: MYER WEISE, aka  
SM - C

ESTHER WEISE  
SM - C

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Reference New York letters to the Bureau dated March 1, 1960, captioned MYER WEISE, aka., SM. - C and ESTHER WEISE, SM - C respectively.

[redacted] advised on April 21, 1960, that a search of all air passenger manifests in Havana, Cuba, for the period February 10 through March 31, 1960, failed to disclose any information indicating that MYER WEISE or ESTHER WEISE arrived in Cuba.

A check of "Hoy," official organ of the Communist Party of Cuba, for the period February 10 to March 31, 1960, failed to disclose any information regarding the arrival of the subjects in Cuba.

[redacted] both of whom have a general knowledge of Communist Party activities in Havana, advised on April 21, 1960, that the names of the subjects at no time have been mentioned at Communist Party meetings in the Havana area.

Inasmuch as there are no outstanding leads in this matter for Legat, Havana, both of these cases are being placed in an RUC status. Extra copies of this letter are furnished for the New York office (100-64745, 100-54098).

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-293323)

DATE: 5/16/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-54098)

SUBJECT: MYER WEISE  
SM-C  
(OO:NEW YORK)

ReNYlet to Bureau, 4/21/60.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

On 5/9/60, [redacted] made available information reflecting that MYER WEISE had attempted to contact GIBBY NEEDLEMAN, his wife stated that GIBBY wasn't home at that time. MYER WEISE told her that "we're at last going for a trip to Havana, that we had originally planned," and stated that they were leaving on Friday, 5/13/60. He said they would be gone for 10 days or 2 weeks and mentioned that GIBBY had previously given him the names of some people. WEISE said that he would drop by the NEEDLEMAN residence to see GIBBY that night.

Investigation conducted at both National Airlines and Cubana Airlines failed to disclose the names of subject and his wife as passengers for their flights on 5/13/60.

On 5/12/60, SA JOSEPH A. MARION, JR. contacted [redacted] who advised that she had just heard that subject and his wife were planning to leave for Florida en route to Cuba on 5/13/60. She stated that she would attempt to ascertain their mode of travel.

On 5/13/60, a discreet surveillance of the subject's residence was conducted by SAS JOSEPH A. MARION, JR. and HERBERT B. BURGESS. About 3:30 PM, an ambulance from the French Hospital, in NYC, was observed parking in front of subject's residence. Subject's wife, ESTHER WEISE, was observed being placed in same and driven away.

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On 5/16/60, SA JOSEPH A. MARION, JR. recontacted [redacted] who advised that ESTHER WEISE was taken to French Hospital on 5/13/60, where she underwent an emergency operation for a hysterectomy. She then stated that the subject had postponed his proposed trip to Cuba.

The NYO will maintain contact with [redacted] in an effort to ascertain subjects departure to Cuba.

DIRECTOR, FBI

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ESTHER WEISE,  
Nee Barsky,  
Aka Mrs. Myer Weise  
SM - C  
OO: NEW YORK  
Bureau file 100-334469  
WFO file 100-37481

MYER WEISE  
SM - C  
OO: NEW YORK  
Bureau file 100-293323  
WFO file 100-37482

For informational purposes, the Bureau and New York are advised that Mrs. BARBARA ENGLEHART, Passport Legal Division, Passport Office, Department of State, made available the passport files of the captioned subjects in view of recent information submitted to the Department of State by the New York Office containing information dated 3/1/60. On 5/24/60, SA JOSEPH E. KELLER reviewed the passport files of the subjects and it was noted that contained in each file was a blind memorandum from the New York Office dated 3/1/60. The pertinent information contained in the passport files is contained in the letterhead memoranda, eight copies of which are enclosed for the Bureau, four copies for New York, for their respective case files of the subjects.

A photograph of both subjects is in the process of being made and this will be forwarded at a later date by routing slip.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

MAY 31 1960

**ESTHER WEISE;  
MYER WEISE  
SECURITY MATTER-C**

At the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D.C., it was determined that Esther Weise was issued United States passport number 1867520 on January 19, 1960.

In her application for passport, dated January 19, 1960, at New York, New York, she advised that she was born July 15, 1913, in the USSR. She immigrated to the United States in 1923 and from that time until 1960 lived in New York City. She was naturalized through the naturalization of her father, Samuel Barsky, who was naturalized on July 25, 1930, at New York City. The Certificate of Naturalization for this naturalization is number A539501. A notation appeared on her passport application that the Certificate of Naturalization had been seen by the passport authorities. The permanent residence for Esther Weise was listed as 141-02 79th Avenue, Flushing 67, New York.

Esther Weise, on her passport application, advised that she desired passport for travel to England, France and Italy for tourist purposes. She contemplated leaving the United States approximately April of 1960 from the Port of New York. Her stay abroad was to be for two months and she advised she would travel via Trans World Airlines.

Myer Weise was shown as being the husband of Esther Weise. She advised that he was currently residing with her. Her mother, Miriam Barsky, resides at 984 Battery Park South, New York City. Her citizenship was shown as being of the United States. She was born July 10, 1892, in Russia.

Myer Weise was issued United States passport number 1867519 on January 19, 1960, at New York, New York. His application for this passport, dated January 19, 1960, at New York, New York, disclosed that he was born

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RE: EATHER WEISS  
MYER WEISS

April 7, 1910, USSR. He immigrated to the United States in November of 1929. From that time until 1939 he has resided at New York City. His passport application disclosed that he was naturalized a United States citizen on August 12, 1937, at New York City. His Certificate of Naturalization number is 4215574. Abraham Weiss, born in Russia, November 30, 1872, a United States citizen, was shown to be his father. His mother, Fannie Weiss, born December 15, 1870, Russia, a United States citizen, was indicated as being deceased.

Myer Weiss, in his passport application advised that he desired the passport for the same travel purposes which has been set forth with respect to his wife, Esther Weiss.

The description of Esther Weiss as contained on her passport application is as follows:

Height	5'9"
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Occupation	Housewife

The description of Myer Weiss as contained on his passport application is as follows:

Height	5'8"
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Brown
Occupation	Salesman

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-293323)

DATE: 6/14/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-54098)

SUBJECT: MYER WEISE  
SM-C

(OO:NY)

ReNYlet to the Director, 5/16/60, and WFO letter to the Director, dated 5/31/60.

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On 6/10/60, [redacted] advised JOSEPH A. MARION, JR. that MYER WEISE and his wife continue to remain in NY. [redacted] then stated that MYER WEISE was missing from his residence having left same early that morning. He stated that the family was greatly upset over his disappearance.

On 6/13/60, Detective R. O'DONNELL, NYCPD, 107th precinct, 186-01 73rd Ave., Queens, NY, advised SA JOSEPH A. MARION, JR., that MYER WEISE was located in the back seat of his automobile in a garage near his residence at 11:45 p.m., on 6/10/60. O'DONNELL stated that WEISE was pronounced dead on arrival at a hospital and was subsequently identified by his brother-in-law, SIDNEY BARSKY, 224-09 Manor Road, Queens, NY. He advised that WEISE had purchased a new garden hose, taped it to the exhaust of the automobile, and ran the hose into the back seat of the car. O'DONNELL then stated that the NYCPD had received a missing person's report on WEISE at 10 p.m., on 6/10/60, and were advised at that time that WEISE had left home in the early afternoon of 6/10/60, in possession of two dozen sleeping pills, in a quantity of sufficient to cause death. The family became alarmed when the loss was discovered, called the police department. The police were told by subject's brother-in-law that the subject had been depressed for the last several months and was under the care of

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- (1- 100-37481)
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a psychiatrist who had told them that the subject possessed suicidal tendencies. According to Detective O'DONNELL, the family advised him that the Subject was engaged in some ventures concerning oil wells in Kentucky, which had failed to materialize.

The NYO will verify subject's death through official records and because previous dissemination has been made in this case, will prepare a report concerning the above events.

[REDACTED] was recontacted by SA JOSEPH A. MARION, JR., on 8/13/60, and advised that the subject's wife was greatly upset over the death of her husband and he was sure that she would cancel any planned trips abroad at this time.

NYO will exhibit her photograph to informants in the NY area for any CP activity pertaining to her and report the results.

Two copies of this communication are being forwarded to WFO for their information, in view of their interest in this matter.

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W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Ingram \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

## Myer Weise Dies

Myer Weise, 49, for many years a teacher at the former Jefferson School, died Friday June 10. Services were held Sunday at the I. J. Morris Funeral Home in Brooklyn.

He is survived by his widow, Esther, and two sons, Marc and Ben.

The Washington Post and \_\_\_\_\_  
Times Herald \_\_\_\_\_  
The Washington Daily News \_\_\_\_\_  
The Evening Star \_\_\_\_\_  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-293323)

DATE: 7/13/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-54098)

**CANCELLED** JUL 21 1960SUBJECT: MYER WEISE  
SECURITY MATTER - C  
(OO:NY)

Security Index card cancelled

Re New York letter to the Director, dated 6/14/60.

FOIA(b)(7)-(D)

Enclosed herewith are five copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth information relating to the subject's death. Also enclosed are five copies of a letterhead memorandum designated for the subject's wife's Bureau case file. This information is being furnished to the Bureau in the event they wish to disseminate to logical sources.

An FD 122 reflecting the subject's death has been prepared and is being forwarded for his cancellation of his Security Index Card.

The confidential informant utilized in the attached memorandum, regarding the subject's wife's postponement of her trip abroad is [REDACTED]

The New York Office will exhibit the photographs of the subject's wife to various informants in the New York area as soon as they are made available by WFO.

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4-Bureau (Encls. 10) (RM)  
(2-100-293323) (Encls. 5)  
(2-100-334469) (Encls. 5)  
2-New York  
(1-100-64745)  
(1-100-54098)

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7 JUL 18 1960

SUBV. CONTROL

AGENCY /cc encl - State CIA, IRAB  
REQ. REQ'D Legat, Havana by (6-7)  
DATE FORW. 7-20-60  
HOW FORW. R/S  
BY [signature]

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NY 100-54098

The information obtained from Detective R. O'DONNELL, New York City Police Department was made available to SA JOSEPH A. MARION, JR.,. The information at the Passport Office, Department of State was made available to SA JOSEPH E. KELLER on 5/24/60.

The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Queens County, New York, were reviewed on 6/24/60, by IC ROBERT T. TOLAN.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

July 15, 1960

Bufile 100-293328  
NY 100-54098

Re: Myer Weise  
Security Matter - C

Proposed Travel Abroad

The records of the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D.C., as reviewed on May 24, 1960, reflected that Esther Weise was issued United States Passport Number 1867520, on January 19, 1960.

Meyer Weise was issued United States Passport Number 1867519, on January 19, 1960, at New York, New York, by application dated January 19, 1960.

The application, on the above mentioned passport application, reflects that they desired the passport for travel to England, France and Italy for tourist purposes. They contemplated leaving the United States in April, 1960, from the Port of New York. Their stay abroad was to be for two months, they were to travel via Trans World Airlines.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

100-293323-36

ENCLOSURE

Re: Myer Weise

On June 13, 1960, Detective R. O'Donnell, New York City Police Department, 107th Precinct, 186-01 73rd Avenue, Queens, New York, advised that Myer Weise was found in the back seat of his automobile in a garage near his residence at 11:45 PM on June 10, 1960. O'Donnell said that Weise was pronounced dead on arrival at a local hospital.

The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, as made available on June 27, 1960, reflected that certificate of death 156-60-406948 concerning Myer Weise was filed on June 12, 1960, at 2:05 AM. The records reflect that Weise was a citizen of the United States; was born on April 7, 1910; his occupation was listed as business finance-self-employed. The records also reflect that he was buried at New Montefiore Cemetery, Pine Lawn, Long Island, New York, on June 12, 1960, and the place of occurrence of death was a garage located at 141-03 79th Avenue, Kew Gardens, New York, on June 10, 1960, cause of death was listed as poisoning due to carbon monoxide which emanated from a hose extending from the exhaust pipe of a running automobile into the interior of same.

On July 5, 1960, a confidential informant who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that due to her husband's death, Esther Weise, has postponed indefinitely a contemplated trip abroad.



SIRS:  
 ONE MEYER WEISE OR WEISBROD,  
 ENTERED INTO CANADA FROM RUMANIA  
 AND RUSSIA AND THENCE INTO THE  
 U.S. SPEAKS AND READS RUSSIAN AND  
 SOME ENGLISH, IS A RADIO EXPERT  
 AND IN CONTACT WITH LUBAN RADIO.  
 HE TAUGHT AT THE WORKERS'  
 SCHOOL, N.Y.

CITIZEN'S LOYALTY  
 GROUP

~~Citizens Loyalty Group~~  
Derby Conn.

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MEYER WEISE  
 aka MEYER WEISBROD  
 subject of 100-293323  
 died 6/10/60 - suicide.  
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- ① Sullivan
- ② NAT. INT. SECTION
- ③ ES

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Mrs. Brown, 5744	
	Mr. [Signature]
Mr. Kemper, 5632	Mrs. [Signature]
Mr. Leinbaugh, 5634	Miss [Signature]
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Miss Lutz, 5640	

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Mr. Stapleton, 1734-447	Miss Morse, 4734-895
Mr. Treher, 4714-416	Please see me
Mr. Whomaley, 4714-432	Please call me
Mr. Adkins, 4730-2467	Please initial
Mr. Johnson, 4726-481	Per your request
Mrs. Lynn, 4736-622	Per call
Miss Toby, 4730-2436	For your information
Miss West, 4736-2213	Appropriate action
Mrs. Buckles, 4738-414	Please note & return
Miss U. Smith, 4708-658	Room 4268, Speech Room
	Room 4248, Library

*For your info - anon.  
Communication no interest  
to Corre. & Tours.*

Correspondence and Tours Section

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Follow-up made for 10/7/63

4718 (Rec'd C&amp;T 9/23/63

Date: 9/25/63

11:27a.m.)

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

(Type in plain text or code)

Via Airtel

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

To: SAC, New York REC-31 ~~100-0-36002~~

From: Director, FBI

**RUPERT TAILOR****708 PARK AVENUE****NEW YORK 21, NEW YORK**

RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

BUDED

10/7/63

Enclosed you will find:

- ☒ Two copies of self-explanatory communication from captioned individual.
- ☐ One copy of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin.
- ☐ One copy of the Uniform Crime Reports bulletin.
- ☐ Other:

Take following action:

- ☐ Make discreet inquiries of established sources to determine reputation of captioned individual and/or organization. Under no circumstances should correspondent become aware of our interest.
- ☒ Have correspondent interviewed to determine whether correspondent has any information of interest to Bureau.
- ☐ Have substance of enclosed communication made available to appropriate local law enforcement officials. Retain copies of this communication in your possession at all times.
- ☐ Acknowledge enclosed communication by mailing enclosed Bureau publication or publications to correspondent to address indicated, following your determination of status in law enforcement. If correspondent is not type 91 person to whom we want to furnish this material, or does not have legitimate interest in law enforcement matters, correspondent should be contacted and informed that our budgetary limitations restrict its distribution and request cannot be granted. Advise Bureau of action taken, together with recommendation as to whether correspondent's name should be added to our mailing list.
- ☐ Submit results under above caption to reach Bureau no later than 10/7/63.
- ☐ Submit results and recommendations as to whether or not Bureau should comply with request, under above caption, to reach Bureau no later than

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Follow-up made for 10/7/63.

Sent Via ☒ MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT

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RETURN TO

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INTERNAL SECURITY

N.Y.

Meyer Wisebrod

Sirs:

One Myer or Meyer Weise or Wisebrod, former-  
"Instructor" at the Jefferson and other Communist  
connected schools, speaks and reads Russian,  
knows the Molotov group of Russia, has U.S.  
managing industrial connections as a function  
of U.S.-U.S.S.R. special purpose alliance.

The principal mentioned is still, it appears  
here, unapprehended and uninhibited in activity.

Rupert Tailor

from airtel  
to NY  
9-25-63  
at 7C: [initials] / Dal

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FBI

Mr. Cyrus Marshall  
Rhinelander  
238 William Street  
New York 38, New York

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Mr. Hoover received your communication of  
March 16th and asked me to acknowledge the receipt of this  
data.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

*[Handwritten initials]*

*[Handwritten initials]*

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COMM-FBI

- 1 - New York - Enclosure  
Attention SAC: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosure

NOTE: Meyer Weise, also known as Weisbrod, was on the Security  
Index of the New York Office, and informants placed him in the Communist  
Party from 1945 - 1952. He committed suicide on 6-10-60. It would  
appear that correspondent is referring to this individual.

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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MR. CALLAHAN \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. CONRAD \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. DELOACH *df* ✓  
MR. EVANS \_\_\_\_\_  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

March 19, 1964

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Rhineland  
238 William Street  
New York 38, New York

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Mr. Hoover received your communication of  
March 16th and asked me to acknowledge the receipt of this  
data.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Helen W. Gandy", is written over the typed name.

Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary

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Mr. Cyrus Marshall  
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New York 38, New York

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See index

Sirs:

One Meyer Weise or Weis brod who entered the--  
U.S. through Canada, ostensibly as an anti-Soviet  
refugee from Rumania is in fact an effective  
foreign agent. He has taught at the Workers'--  
School and Jefferson School, both now defunct, but  
continues his communist activities in russian and  
Yiddish. As a "refugee" he continues to abuse the  
hospitality of the U.S.A.

*nmh*  
acb 3-19-64 DT *Phen*

*8-ETP*  
Cyrus Marshall

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